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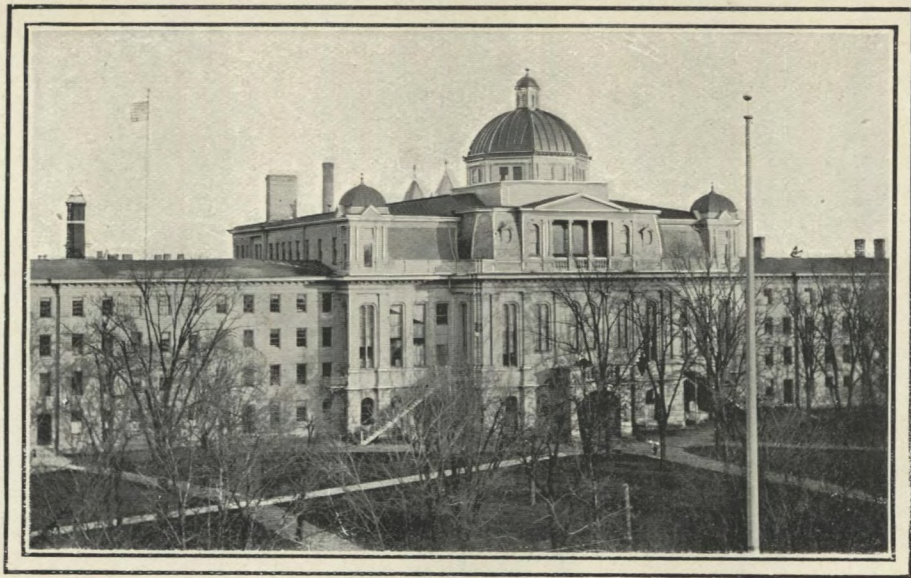
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"To be at home in all lands and all ages; to count Nature a familiar acquaintance, and Art an intimate friend; to gain a standard for the appreciation of other men's work and the criticism of your own; to carry the keys of the world's library in your pocket, and feel its resources behind you in whatever task you undertake; to make hosts of friends among the men of your own age who are to be leaders in all walks of life; to lose yourself in generous enthusiasms and co-operate with others for common ends; to learn the manners from students who are gentlemen, and form character under professors who are Christians; this is the offer of the college for the best four years of your life."—From "The College Man and the College Woman."

WILLIAM DEWITT HYDE

THE HONOR SYSTEM

Of the twenty-eight colleges and universities in which chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta are located only five use the honor system in all departments. At these five, Vanderbilt University, the University of Texas, Adelphi College, Woman's College of Baltimore, and Brown, it seems to have the enthusiastic support of the student body. At Cornell and Michigan it is in use in certain departments. The system at its best is found at Princeton University, where the student *esprit de corps* upholds it.

PRINCETON An Alpha Zeta alumna, wife of a professor at Princeton, thus writes of conditions there:

The honor system of examination has been in use in Princeton for some years. It originated here in response to a request of the student body for permission to regulate the matter and the granting of the request gave entire control to a student committee. The presidents of the four classes, and a very small number of upper classmen in addition constitute the student committee to which cases of cheating are referred by students or faculty. Before this court the accused is tried and as a result of this trial if the student committee recommends to the Dean that a student be dismissed from the university because found guilty of cheating, such a case is referred to the faculty and the student is formally dismissed. The student committee has no power to dismiss a student but its recommendation is accepted without question.

Such I understand to be the system in vogue here. Each man is required at the end of every examination paper to sign a statement that "on his honor as a gentleman he has neither given nor received assistance of any kind."

It is a system that has proved absolutely effective in Princeton as a preventive of unfair work. I have never heard any one, student or faculty, make any objection to



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the results obtained. As a matter of fact cheating at examination, is very rare indeed, seldom does the student committee have to exercise its functions as court but the rulings are inexorable, when they come. It is decreed that no man can cheat in examination, and stay in the university. Student public sentiment will not tolerate it.

It is hard to make clear the fact that there is no student espionage to any extent. Each man is on his honor to write an honest examination paper and he attends strictly to his own affairs. Unless he happens to see cheating he will have nothing to report but as a matter of fact if there is cheating some one will probably happen to see, and if he sees will feel in honor bound to report the matter to student committee. Doubtless this knowledge would deter a man from cheating, does deter freshmen, for example. After all, the system is effective because of the strong sentiment or shall I say student sentiment upholding it.

To understand what such student sentiment is one must understand to some slight extent the type of student, and the spirit of Princeton undergraduate life. Princeton is a place of tradition: strong vital tradition. You can not describe it, it is pure feeling if you will, but there are things writ deep in hearts of men who are of Princeton and one of these is loyalty—a great rich loyalty that has deep affection bound in it. Every student is a lover of the university, of its campus, its buildings, its men, its great traditions, and perhaps the honor system is a success in Princeton because there is the tradition that no man who has smirched his honor by cheating in examination may remain a Princeton man.

ADELAIDE HOFFMAN MARVIN.

TORONTO

Diametrically opposed to this is the examination custom at Toronto University, where a special examination hall has been erected.

The honor system does not prevail in Toronto University, but, on the contrary, a very strict system of espionage. There is little or no cheating done, though for this the stu-

dents may deserve little credit, since it is next to impossible to receive any help on examinations. In the first place, we have the pseudonym system to prevent any partiality being shown by an examiner. In the room where the examinations are held, the candidates' desks are placed at least three feet apart to prevent any communications. There is also a presiding examiner and three or four vigilators to every fifty or sixty candidates.

MARION F. COATS, '10.

**VANDERBILT
UNIVERSITY**

Vanderbilt University, seeking to develop the best that is in her students, wisely recognizes that growth of the sense of honor like all other growths can only be attained through proper exercise. It is on this principle that the honor system exists here. On the back of the examination blanks are printed pledges which must be signed before the paper will be graded but the validity of this signature no teacher or student would doubt without good cause. It is no unusual thing for a class to be left alone with a quiz and especially by a teacher who has been in the school long enough to recognize the potency of its moral atmosphere as a check on the would-be cribber.

An honor committee is elected each year from the various classes and departments of the university and it is the duty of this committee to secure to any student under suspicion of dishonesty in examination his full due and to vindicate his name if he is innocent; to protect the honor and standing of the remainder of the students by his expulsion if he is found guilty. The committee has in its keeping a book in which are written the records of all misdemeanors.

The honor committee elected by the students is loyally supported by them and any suspicion of cheating is promptly but quietly reported for investigation. No offender can complain that he is without a fair and impartial trial before the honor committee, and if expelled, must recognize that it is not by the faculty, as in other instances of wrong doing, but by Vanderbilt University itself.

It must not be supposed from this, however, that the abominable practice of spying exists here. There is no call for it. It would have no place here. The student who constituted himself spy on examination day would have not only a lonesome time but, we believe, would find business dull and soon give it up.

There is an interesting record of a case occurring years ago before the organization of the honor committee, in which a graduate returned his diploma to the university, acknowledging in shame that it had been acquired dishonorably. He had been unable to forget the high standard of the school or to outlive its noble influence. With the name cut out, the diploma still remains a silent witness to the effectiveness of the honor system at Vanderbilt.

**UNIVERSITY
OF TEXAS** Discipline in the University of Texas is in the hands of the student body. The student government has been found very effective, especially the honor system which was instituted here with the founding of the university in 1883. Although the temptation proves too strong for a few, the system tends to strengthen the mass of the students, and by throwing them on their own responsibility, to cultivate independence and a high sense of personal honor.

Theoretically all cases of dishonorable conduct are reported to the President of the Students' Association or the Woman's Council which officers confer with the Deans. When the proof is conclusive, the culprit is immediately expelled from the university, expulsion being final. Cheating is emphatically discountenanced by the students, and the members of the advisory and executive boards are bound by virtue of their offices to report any cases of the kind coming under their notice. The degree of the offense is considered; in some instances the constitution requires the name of the offender to be published in the university magazine and the weekly, and on the bulletin boards. It has never been found necessary, however, to administer justice in this manner.

LEDA MAUDE NASH.

**ADELPHI
COLLEGE**

The honor system in Adelphi College is an outcome of the student self-government, and one cannot imagine the college without either.

In examinations, the students are put entirely upon their honor, and the professor is seldom in the room after giving out the questions. In each class, there are two members of the executive board of the students' association, and they are supposed to report to the president of the students' association any cheating they see. For a first offense, a private warning is sent to the student and the case is kept within the executive committee. For a second offense the student is brought before the committee and the case is tried privately by them. For the third offense the student is brought before the whole student body of the college at a meeting of the students' association and the punishment is expulsion from college. There has been but one case of this kind in the history of Adelphi.

The system is very satisfactory to both faculty and student body; but, as everywhere, its success depends entirely upon the student morale.

**BARNARD
COLLEGE**

The honor system does not prevail at Barnard College nor in the University of Columbia. All examinations are properly proctored. However a strict surveillance is not kept, the professor often leaving the room for short intervals. When there are only three or four pupils taking an examination the professor does not usually remain in the room.

Cheating is not at all prevalent. If a case of cheating is discovered, it is a matter with which the Dean deals.

LEONORA L. ARMSTRONG.

**WOMAN'S
COLLEGE OF
BALTIMORE**

The honor system was formally adopted as such in the Woman's College of Baltimore only last year. But previous to this time there was a generally understood honor system; that is, professors have always left their classes more or less alone during examinations; there was little espionage, and this

confidence was generally respected by the students. Last year the Student Government Association decided to take up this matter and adopt a conventional honor system. This is no formal code like, for instance, the one at Princeton, but each girl is made to understand when she first comes to college that she is put entirely upon her honor in regard to all the rules, and that it is an unpardonable breach of trust to cheat under such conditions. In the dormitories we have the honor system—each girl is to keep the rules herself (of which we have as few as possible) and to help her neighbor do likewise by setting a good example. We have proctors to remind us in case we forget but this duty is tactfully performed and not at all objectionable. They do not act as spies.

There is no organized student espionage but if a girl sees another cheat in an examination, it is her duty to report to the honor committee—the president of students' organization. The honor committee then reproves the girl but if she is reported three times for the same offense the case is referred to the executive board which may act at its discretion—its final power being to expel the offender from students' organization and to recommend to the Dean her expulsion from college. The accused has the right to appeal from the decision of the board to the student organization as a whole.

The system as yet is young with us, but so far it is highly satisfactory to both faculty and students because it is effective. The responsibility is removed from the faculty and the girls take a pride in living up to the high standard of honor which we desire as a college to maintain.

EDNA WHITE.

CORNELL

Probably every college and university has an honor system of some form or other. Here at Cornell it is not universally used but only in some departments of study as in agriculture, law and civil engineering. Its installation is only of recent date so the system is still on probation, as it were.

In the college of agriculture where the idea of student government is well developed, this system has been used for about two years. In the beginning the student was asked to sign a contract to do everything in his power to further the system, not only to act honorably himself but to report cases of dishonor. This contract, I believe, has not been renewed but the system is still in force.

In examinations the students are placed on their honor and are expected to report cases of cheating of any kind. These are referred to a board of students, and if the suspected person is convicted, he is requested to leave the college. On the whole it is very effective, but at times cases arise in which the student asserts his innocence in spite of the incriminating evidence and refuses to resign his place in class. In such cases the student body is quite helpless.

In the civil engineering department practically the same plan is adopted. Here the trouble seems to come because a number of the students will not bind themselves to report their fellow men.

In the law college where we should think a system might be very much needed and on this account would be more successful than elsewhere—facts seem to contradict this theory. Many of the students do not favor the idea in the least and the execution of the system is therefore far from effective.

In the arts and science department it has never been tried, although many of the faculty members highly approve it.

**MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY** At Michigan the honor system is confined to the medical department alone, but it is considered very effective in this department. A student is supposed to report any cheating which happens to come to his notice to a committee of his class, chosen for the purpose and called the honor committee. They investigate the importance of the offense and report in turn to the faculty, who act upon the committee's decision.

The system is not compulsory, each class voting upon its adoption in their freshman year. So far however, it has been universal in this one department and has thus demonstrated the general favor with which it is regarded.

In a number of colleges it is a growing custom for the professor in charge to leave the room after distributing the questions, as illustrated by the following replies:

**INDIANA
UNIVERSITY**

At Indiana University an organized honor system does not exist. Some few professors always conduct an examination by first pledging the class neither to give nor receive aid, and this plan usually proves effective. Sometimes, however, it is abused. A great deal depends on the character of the instructor. A man who *says* he trusts a class and *does* it, has very little trouble with cheating, but the man who follows up his expression of confidence with a little clumsy detective work meets with just what he expects—general dishonesty. There are not many men who can institute the honor system with success.

**OHIO STATE
UNIVERSITY**

At Ohio State University the honor system, so-called, does not prevail, but a certain system is used which seems to be satisfactory to all concerned. In former years the instructors without exception remained in the classroom during examinations, and sometimes the students were seated in alternate chairs. In several cases the instructors furnished different sets of questions to the students who were given odd and even numbers. Gradually these kindergarten methods have been dying out, and students are left on their honor—the professors often not being present at all during an examination session. The students are not required to report cheating, but if one is caught, he is reported by the instructor to the president, who suspends him from college for a certain length of time, making the penalty fit the case.

Formerly cheating was not considered especially dis-

graceful, the idea being to get ahead of the teacher, and consequently successful efforts were often boasted. Since the personal honor system has been largely adopted cheating in examination has been steadily decreasing and there have been few suspensions. An annual average of three or four students have left college for this reason—which is a very small percentage of more than twenty-one hundred students. The students resent the spying attitude and respond readily to our honor system.

**ALBION
COLLEGE**

Albion College has no definite honor system. It is not unusual however, for a professor to leave the class room while an examination is going on and no one thinks of cheating.

One case of cheating since I have been in college was punished by expulsion.

ELLA A. MEINKE.

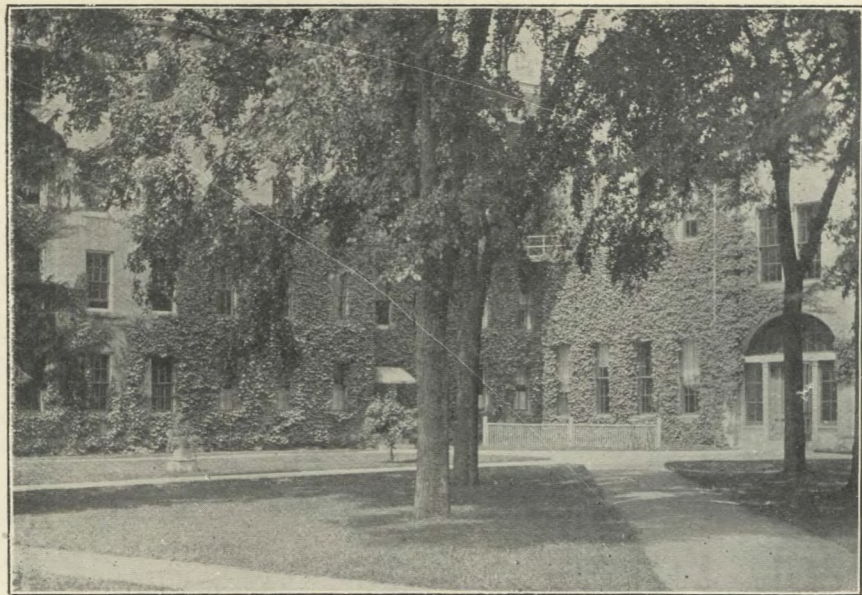
**UNIVERSITY
OF WISCONSIN**

At the University of Wisconsin the honor system has been tried by a few professors only but has been abandoned. Tentative efforts are being made here as well as in other western institutions to introduce the system.

**UNIVERSITY
OF NEBRASKA**

An attempt was made about four years ago to introduce the honor system into the University of Nebraska. The plan was presented to the students, who rejected it. A committee was to be elected by the students, which was to act as a kind of court. Students who saw others cheating during examination were first to warn the offenders and if this warning was not heeded, were to hand in their names to be acted upon by the committee.

The plan was rejected because it seemed to savor too strongly of spying and even of the tattling idea. The attempt to introduce this plan served one purpose. The student body came to realize more fully that the matter was a serious one and that a reform of some kind was needed.



A CORNER OF UNIVERSITY HALL—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA At intervals, for the past year, there have been endeavors to introduce the honor system into the University of California. Committees have been appointed, investigations made of the working of the system in other colleges, and systems formulated. These plans have differed in some respects, but they have all involved the signing of a pledge at the close of the examination, that the student has neither given nor received help in the examination. But each time the proposed system has been submitted to the vote of the students, it has been defeated by large majorities—and each time the objection has been that such an intangible thing as honor can not be made into a system, but must rather be a feeling of confidence upon the part of the faculty, and a spirit of honor among the students. The custom is growing up on the part of an increasing number of the instructors to give out the examination questions, and then leave the room, in no way watching the students. No one has ever heard of a case in which such a confidence has been abused, and in this sense, only, do we have the honor system at the University of California.

WOOSTER At Wooster University no honor system of examination exists but student government controls the halls and dormitories.

BRYN MAWR At Bryn Mawr the spirit of honor is effective but there is no system involving student espionage. Strict rules forbid students to bring loose sheets of paper to the examination, or to tear sheets from the examination blanks. Students are left to themselves much of the time during an examination. If one student chances to observe cheating on the part of another, she asks that girl to report herself to the self government committee, composed of students. If the girl refuses then the person who saw the occurrence must report the case. This is rarely necessary.

**MOUNT
HOLYOKE**

At Vassar College there is no honor system. At Mount Holyoke there is a most effective spirit of honor in examination. The instructors usually leave the room during an examination, and the student sentiment there is so powerful that there is little or no dishonest work, although students do not report such cases if they are observed. Recently one student was seen to cheat. The attitude of her classmates made it impossible for her to complete her paper, and she left the room with the examination unfinished. Honesty is the tradition of Mount Holyoke.

YALE

The above articles prove that the honor system is not necessarily accompanied by spying of one student upon another. A spirit of honor in the student body is sufficient to uphold the system. Nevertheless we read that "the senior students at Yale have voted down the honor system at this institution on the ground that the students have no time to spy upon and report their fellow workers." We believe that this is a misunderstanding of the intent of the honor system.

**WASHINGTON
UNIVERSITY**

The system of self-government by the students of the Washington University was adopted by the members of the institution some years ago and worked very well. A committee of five composed of one member from each class of the undergraduate departments and the president of the student body, received information of any cheating and if, in their judgment, the case merited severe treatment, the offender was privately requested to leave the college. For some years this system worked admirably, and cheating was entirely eliminated from the university. Last spring, however, a popular and prominent man was brought before the committee. Although it was shown to be a case of flagrant cheating, the committee for that year inflicted only a slight punishment. When this case came to the knowledge of the faculty they investigated the matter thoroughly, de-

clared that the committee had shown itself incompetent to carry on its duties and abolished the system. However they promised that if at any future time a new scheme was devised for self government it would be considered by the faculty and if approved by them would be adopted. To this end the student body are eagerly working and we hope that before long we shall regain our longed-for honor system.

**UNIVERSITY
OF VERMONT**

The honor system was tried for a few years at the University of Vermont, but was finally abolished as it proved unsatisfactory to both faculty and students. It was by no means effective. Student espionage was tried for a while but was objectionable to all concerned. When a student was found guilty of cheating the penalty was expulsion. Several students were dismissed before the faculty and the student body mutually agreed to seek some better method.

At Smith College and Wellesley, the honor system is not in use, but all examinations are watched by the instructors in charge.

**BROWN
UNIVERSITY**

At Brown University there is a well organized honor system. Here student sentiment is so firmly against all forms of dishonest work, that any student found by his classmates cheating is thereafter ignored utterly by the student body, whose attitude frequently forces him to leave college.

The above facts concerning the honor system have been taken from the answers to questions sent by the editor to students or faculty members of thirty-six colleges, including colleges for men, and women's colleges where fraternities do not exist. The unpublished replies merely state in each instance that the honor system is not in use.

CO-EDUCATION IN THE EAST AND IN THE WEST

Some colleges are born co-educational, some achieve co-education, and some have co-education thrust upon them. With the third class we have no interest, for it is comprised of those institutions, which, recognizing the need of higher education for women and acknowledging their obligation to assist in supplying that need, have solved the co-educational problem by means of the Annex, and so are not really co-educational at all.

The colleges that have achieved co-education are, for the most part, the small colleges of the east; those colleges which have sent from their halls generation after generation of educated men. There has been created by these colleges an atmosphere of culture, in which the unschooled woman years ago found herself out of place; then she demanded that the gates of wisdom be opened unto her as well as unto her brother.

It is in the west that we find the colleges which were born co-educational. Not long ago I heard an account of the founding of a western town a score of years ago by twenty-one pioneers from the east, every one of them a college man. The statement was made that this was nothing remarkable in the early days. It takes not very long for a town thus founded to found a college. When these ambitious easterners turned their faces westward, the higher education of women was already a matter of course, it was only the manner of it that was still a question with two sides. Boys and girls were both to be educated. It was a much easier thing to build one college than it was to build two. Perhaps this is the reason that however much dispute there might be back in the east about this question of co-education, here in the west, where time and money were both to be considered, there was but one solution—a college that opened its doors to men and women alike on the first day of its existence.

Naturally, in such colleges, the girls were considered and courses planned for them from the beginning. It is probably due to this fact that it is in the west that departments of domestic science, art, music, elocution and physical culture are found in every co-educational college which is sufficiently endowed to provide them.

Out of thirty-eight co-educational state institutions, either universities or land grant colleges, six have none of the departments mentioned in the preceding paragraph; five of those six are New England states, the other is in the south. Two southern state universities offer one of the courses each. There are two other state institutions, one of them in the west, which, while offering several of the courses in question, have none of the domestic science subjects. Thus in thirty-eight co-educational state institutions, ten alone are not teaching any of the domestic science courses; five of those ten are in New England; four, in the south; and one in the west.

The offering of these courses in a co-educational college does not mean that the faculties have found their women students uninterested in or unadapted to the regular academic studies. It does mean that the authorities have recognized the advisability of these things for women, and to the student herself is left the choice of taking or leaving them. The result is that most of the women graduates from the academic department have found the time to take, in addition to their regular work, some of the courses in the domestic science, the music or the art departments. With a small addition to her work, a girl may, during one year take the course in food values. During another year she may take the work in household sanitation. During the third year she may take the course in household economics, a course which may be made an entirely practical one, or it may, like a course now being given in one of these same western institutions, be made a psychological study of the influence of the educated women of America and of the varied influences of modern civilization upon them. For three years the girl student has been taking an extra half-

course or has been omitting one of the usual half-courses and substituting the above in its place. What has she gained? Obviously, at the least, a knowledge of what she should eat and how she should care for herself and her surroundings, knowledge valuable not only to her who is to be a wife and mother, but in quite as great a degree to the woman who elects to live her life apart from family cares and pleasures. The happiness of the unmarried professional woman depends quite as much upon her ability to make a real home for herself, however little space her four walls may surround, as does that of the wife whose home-making is half altruism.

Of the courses in art, music, elocution, physical culture, there is much to say. If a girl does not care to spend her time studying art or music, is it worth nothing to her to be taught by the lectures, recitals and exhibits of these departments the broader, deeper appreciation of the beautiful that spells pleasure and restfulness? Physical culture means not only increased health, but also increased gracefulness. The widespread study of elocution among women would mean finally the doing away with the cause of that English taunt regarding the disagreeable quality of the American female voice.

Western co-education is offering all these advantages to women. Whether eastern co-education will do likewise rests mainly with eastern girls and college alumnae. Only last summer an eastern professor, when approached upon this subject, defended his institution thus: "We are giving the girls just what they ask for; they come here saying they want the education their brothers have, and they get it." "But shouldn't they want something in addition?" he was asked. "Ah, that's another question!"

FLORENCE (BURDICK) HAYES, Lambda, '95.

THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

For the benefit of alumnae not already informed of the progress of the scholarship fund we quote the following paragraphs from Iota Alumnae's letter:

The Grand Council has made Iota Alumnae the permanent custodian of this fund and left with us the responsibility of securing the necessary money. We have taken such measures that we now feel justified in calling on the alumnae for their individual subscriptions and wish to remind you that in order to secure an income of \$600, at least \$15,000 must be placed at interest. The nucleus of this amount pledged by Iota Alumnae has been for some time in a savings bank drawing interest.

It surely needs no argument to convince you of the desirability of the establishment of such a fund. Aside from the benefit that would be given the recipient, no closer tie could be established than for the active and alumnae members to have this definite, tangible and common object to work for. But it is desirable to urge promptness in this matter for the money will be placed at interest as soon as received and so begin at once to aid in the growth of the fund.

Make drafts or money orders payable to Mrs. J. B. Lippincott, and send direct to her at 1256 W. Adams St., Los Angeles, California.

We trust that this appeal will be considered and acted upon in the liberal spirit that has always characterized our fraternity.

Yours in the bonds of Kappa Alpha Theta,
IOTA ALUMNAE CHAPTER.

THE ACTIVE CHAPTER'S PART IN THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

The scholarship question is a matter of vital interest to every Kappa Alpha Theta. It is a definite purpose, the result of which, if carried out, will strengthen and widen the

influence of our fraternity. It is well to have something to show to the outside world, which cannot understand the secret significance and inspiration of fraternity life, as an evidence of active earnestness and purpose.

How are the active chapters to help raise the money for this scholarship fund? The question of their giving one-tenth of their initiation fees was brought up at convention in July, but it did not seem practicable, especially to those chapters that have the heavy expense of keeping up fraternity houses. Every cent of the money that comes into the chapter treasury in the way of dues is needed for expenses in one way or another. If a part of it were given to the fund, assessments would inevitably follow. The alumnae chapters have raised, and will continue to raise, money by individual subscriptions. A resolution to that effect was adopted at the convention last July. Therefore, it seems as though it would be best for us to follow their example, to look upon it as an individual responsibility to help this common cause, this definite fraternity purpose, to a successful termination.

Would it not be well for us to systematize our subscriptions? In the long run it would certainly be more satisfactory. Cannot each one of us make the pledge to herself to give, let us say, one dollar every year to this scholarship fund? The alumnae will do as much, and, as there are three or four thousand Kappa Alpha Thetas living, we should, in a very few years, have the fund large enough for active service. One dollar a year is certainly not much even for the poorest of us. Some of us, it is true, to whom the fraternity expenses already seem heavy in comparison with the chronic lightness of our pocketbooks, may have to exercise self-denial to put aside even this small sum, but the majority will have to make no effort in any way whatever.

Other fraternities have scholarships. They have this practical sign of their real, secret earnestness. Therefore let us stop merely discussing the matter. Let us act; for the longer we delay, waiting for some brilliant idea, the longer



ETA'S CHAPTER HOUSE

will it be before our scholarship can go into effect. Let us, each and all of us, do our duty to Kappa Alpha Theta in this particular matter; let us realize, accept, and fulfill our individual responsibility.

ETA'S CHAPTER HOUSE

We regret that we have only a winter picture of Eta's new chapter house to show you, for it gives no idea of the cheery welcome that awaits not only our alumnae and friends who have made it possible for us to own our home, but all Kappa Alpha Thetas who may find themselves in the pleasant vicinity of Ann Arbor.

We have lived two months with the sound of hammers in our ears and the smell of paint in our nostrils, but at last it is finished; and a roomy, comfortable house it is, accommodating sixteen girls and a chaperon, and within two blocks of the campus. If it looks pleasant and home-like outside, the promise is more than fulfilled within. The creams and warm browns of the hall give the color tone for the whole house. The pretty open stairway, with its big window and comfortable window seat on the landing, and the open doorways into dining room, reception room and library, give an effect, as one visitor expressed it, of being "in the center of an open-hearted house." Between the red-brown hangings we look into the quaint Dutch-windowed dining room, nearly filled by its great round oak table. Glass doors open from this room into a side porch and a big pleasant yard. The fire places in dining room and library add to the hominess of our house.

The very best thing about it is, that it has been the means of bringing into close touch with the chapter, alumnae whom we had scarcely heard from in years, all of whom have shown a very practical and substantial interest. Only four years have we worked on our house fund, and we now have a home which answers our every need. The rent which the chapter pays the Alumnae Association, will

be, for two years at least while the chapter is furnishing the house, less than has been paid at any time for the last twelve years.

Eta had less than seventy alumnae when this fund was started. She had no wealthy alumnae who could give large sums but each one has given what she could, however small the amount. Eta has become convinced that any chapter, where the dormitory system is not in use, can have its own house. All that is needed is to start a fund and keep everlastingly at it. You may be sure your alumnae will help you generously, and, as one alumna wrote, "my contribution has more than paid for itself in the letters I have had from the girls." More than that, Eta fully expects that her alumnae who have now invested, as it were, in chapter prosperity, will be more than ever interested in our success; more eager to visit us in Ann Arbor. We believe that the interest awakened by our efforts to possess a permanent home will not become dormant, but, in proportion to the sacrifice made for the fraternity active interest in her welfare will increase.

SWARTHMORE'S OPINION IN REGARD TO MISS JEANE'S BEQUEST

The will of the late Anna T. Jeane brought Swarthmore face to face with the question of intercollegiate sports, so that she will soon have to take a positive stand either for or against the grandstand type of athletics. The part of Miss Jeane's will which relates to Swarthmore is as follows:

"I conditionally give, devise and bequeath to Swarthmore College my coal lands and mineral rights in the State of Pennsylvania, together with my five-eighths ($\frac{5}{8}$) ownership in the Rebecca Steadman tract (Hazel Brook Colliery) on condition that the management of the said Swarthmore College shall discontinue and abandon all participation in Intercollegiate athletics, sports and games, but should the managers of Swarthmore College fail to accept and carry

out these conditions I will and direct that the aforesaid coal lands, mineral rights and ownership shall be sold and the proceeds thereof (amount realized) shall be included and merged in the assets of my estate."

When this will was made known excitement reigned among Swarthmore's students, faculty and alumni, in fact among all those in any way connected with the college. On every hand was heard the assertion that no amount of money was sufficient to pay for our freedom, and that we should flatly and speedily refuse the bequest. A few, however, even at first, smiled at the feeling displayed, and remained quiet. Slowly opinions have changed, until now those in favor of accepting the conditions of the will equal in number those who are opposed. Some, who have the best interests of the college at heart, think that it would be wrong for the college to bind itself down irrevocably to one policy, to give up its freedom, as it were, in regard to so popular a phase of college life as intercollegiate athletics. They feel that what the college would lose in independence would not be counterbalanced by other advantages that the money would bring. Others, however, maintain that the improvement and development of the truly academic side of the college made possible by the bequest would more than outweigh the loss of freedom. They feel too that with the abandonment of intercollegiate sports, athletics among the students would become more general, and that the physical development of the entire student body, instead of that of a chosen few, would result.

In the meantime the committee appointed to investigate the value of the bequest is going quietly on with its work. The managers continue to remain uncommunicative, and, as they have unlimited time in which to reach a decision, no one knows how long it will be before the question is finally decided, possibly a few months, probably a year or more. The general feeling within the college, however, is that, if the bequest is large enough to give us long-needed college improvements, we should accept it.

SUGGESTED CHANGES IN THE SOCIAL LIFE OF WISCONSIN

The Madison Alumnae Pan-Hellenic Association met in April, 1907, to discuss the benefits of a late pledge-day and a different system of rushing. They considered especially interscholastic rushing, which always accompanies the state high schools' athletic meet, held in May at Madison. They found themselves diametrically opposed to each other on the vital points; but as a result of their discussion, certain members began an investigation of college social life in fraternity circles at Wisconsin and at other institutions. With this information the alumnae drew up a set of resolutions in June; and each alumna sent a copy to the active members of her own fraternity chapter. In this action the alumnae have desired to express their feeling of responsibility for existing social conditions, rather than any censure upon the college girls.

Each fraternity is considering these resolutions, not without heated argument, but with a certain amount of approval and interest. Each will submit to the alumnae written conclusions, expressing its attitude toward the suggestions, with the hope that the students and alumnae may compromise in a way which will better, in some degree, the present social conditions here. Psi is happy to find little in these resolutions not already covered by her house rules or the spirit of the chapter, and she is deeply interested in hearing what other institutions are doing about the same questions. With this explanation, Psi adds these resolutions:

I. Whereas the house parties at the men's fraternity houses are by many thought to be injurious to the social life of the university, and the health and social habits of the students who participate in them;

Resolved, That we urge upon the young ladies of our respective societies that they do not attend these parties and that the ordinary house rules governing our own fra-

ternity houses be not suspended for any of the evenings during the occasion.

II. Resolved, That it would be for the best interests of the university and of the freshman fraternity girls in attendance if their social life were not forced as at present by their respective chapters, and that these girls would gain in health, scholarship, college spirit, and social poise if their social life could be limited, so far as possible, to university functions, as defined by the social committee of the faculty, and that we urge our respective societies to adopt regulations to secure this end.

III. Resolved, That it would be greatly to the advantage of our societies and their members if the upperclass girls would limit their hours of entertaining with due regard for their individual health, for the just demands of their serious work, and the claims of their home life.

IV. Resolved, That we urge upon our respective societies that it would be for the advantage of the university and of their own social life if each would give but one dancing party during the year.

V. Resolved, That our respective societies should be urged to make their entertainments less elaborate and expensive, and more general in purpose; that we present to them reasons for observing more closely the ordinary conventions of good society.

Διαλεγόμεθα

SERVICE

Only that member who gives unselfish service can find the best which her college and fraternity life offer. Such a girl has little time to reflect on the imperfections of her fraternity sisters or her own grievances. The girl who helps the most is the one whose counsel is most sought, whose opinions are most valued. The underclassman who effectively accomplishes her share of the work, without complaint, even though that work be menial, develops into the upperclassman most trusted and loved in the fraternity. The girl who is dissatisfied with her chapter, her fraternity, or her college life, is sure to be the one who makes no sacrifice of herself for the sake of the general good. Such a member will leave college feeling her fraternity is a failure. The best which her college life has to give, the affection and confidence of her fraternity sisters will never be hers; her chapter will be a mere temporary convenience; she will have no conception of her fraternity as a lasting ideal to which it is a privilege to be loyal.

INTER-CHAPTER ACQUAINTANCE

A year ago three pledges were industriously studying the chapter roll of Kappa Alpha Theta. After the manner of freshmen, they sought some means of easing their weary minds. The result was an elaborate system of reference which was amazingly efficient. The freshmen remembered those names so they could say them backwards, forwards, upside-down and inside out. For months afterward "Mu" meant to them, "Mew, a cat in the mountains; mountains, Allegheny"; or the mention of "Lambda Alumnae" started that train of thought which ran, "Lambda, lamb, mutton, grease, Greece, Athens; Lambda Alumnae at Athens, Ohio."

Are there no pleasanter and simpler methods of familiarizing ourselves with our chapter roll? One such method

might be the exchange of banners. There is something very suggestive about a college banner. The sight of one immediately brings before the mental vision a picture of an athletic field with hundreds of cheering students waving their college colors; or a cozy room in a dormitory where a dozen girls have assembled for a social cup of chocolate; or a group of stately buildings where a busy throng passes in and out. If each chapter room were hung with banners representing every chapter in the fraternity, the weekly meetings might have, in a slight degree, the binding influence which a national convention has in such a large degree.

There is another way for the chapters to grow better acquainted. Every college has certain buildings of which it is proud and these are always faithfully reproduced in photographs or in the omnipresent souvenir postal cards. It would be a very simple matter for chapters to exchange pictures so that, when the Journals come, telling about the good times at the different colleges, each chapter would have a fairly definite picture of just how and where those good times happened. This ought to lead to a closer sympathy and greater interest in the chapter letters.

Will the chapters consider these suggestions and decide whether they would like to try this method of becoming better acquainted?

RUTH VOTEY, Lambda.

One of the most noticeable features of the convention was the uniformly high type of intellectuality among those present. It was the strongest proof one could have that to be a Kappa Alpha Theta, one must look well to her college work. We cannot emphasize scholarship emphatically enough, particularly with freshmen. At this season of the year, when we are investigating the work of each individual in the chapter, we have an excellent opportunity for reiterating the plea for strong college work—not the mere maintaining of chapter standing but rather its elevation and improvement.

The freshmen should be made to realize that a good

strong start and a sure foundation laid in the first year means everything. It is then they are free from the burden of responsibility. House duties which fall to the sophomores are not theirs; work is first and pre-eminent.

It is the seniors' duty to look closely after the work of all underclassmen, giving kindly criticism when merited, and rebuke when necessary. It would be well to limit the play of the over-popular girl, to rouse the thoughtless one, to steady the erratic one; in a word to have such intimate supervision over them that they will realize that if they would be worthy of their fraternity, they must be able to put their work first and excel in that and still have time for the many other college activities that attract them. They must never forget that their work will tell either well or ill upon the good name of their fraternity.

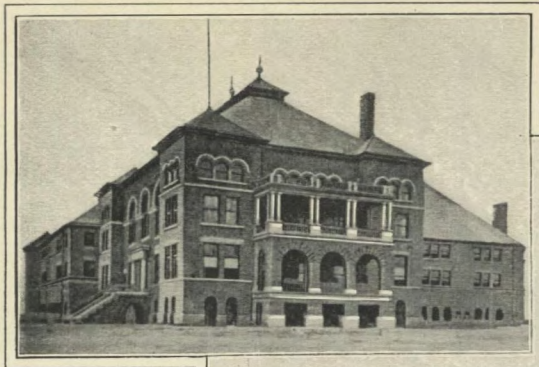
EDITH W. ACKERMAN, Chi.

**THE "GIRLS'
CLUB FUND"**

A "Girls' Club" has been formed in Nebraska, to which the membership fee is twenty-five cents. The money is to be used in two ways. Half of it is to be lent to girls in the university who are taken ill while in school, and who have not the money for the expenses which must necessarily come at such times. The rest is to be lent to girls who need a small amount of money to tide them over a critical place in their finances. In both cases the money is to be paid back as soon as the borrower can well spare it, usually after leaving school. No interest is to be paid. The girl who borrows the money gives her note, and the whole affair is to be conducted in a business-like, practical manner. It is not charity but merely a little assistance in order to enable a girl to continue her education. If she so desires, she may, when returning the money, add a little more, to help some other girl as she herself was helped.

**PAN-HELLENIC
RECEPTION
AT KANSAS**

For the first time in the history of Kansas University the freshmen girls and women of the faculty were entertained by the Pan-Hellenic association. This reception, which will probably



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now become an annual event, was originated by the Kappa Alpha Thetas.

This year however, the Pi Beta Phis, Kappas and Chi Omegas asked us to make it an inter-sorority event and of course we gladly assented.

The reception was held in one of the large lecture rooms in Snow Hall. The room was decorated with rugs, chairs, davenports, pillows and pennants from the different fraternity houses.

At the door the girls were welcomed by the Pan-Hellenic delegate from each fraternity and each house chaperon. The other fraternity girls were very busy serving refreshments and making the freshmen girls feel at home.

The result was astonishingly successful for, not only did the freshmen enjoy it to the utmost, but it brought about among the four fraternities a spirit of comradeship and friendliness which these first weeks of rivalry have heretofore made impossible.

ELIZABETH LAIRD.

**SENIOR
MEETING**

One custom in Chi chapter is the "senior meeting." It may be that it is general throughout the chapters. Even so it is worth talking over. The seniors meet together informally to discuss chapter affairs. Each reports from her particular branch of work, methods are talked over, and ways and means considered. We find that fraternity affairs run much more smoothly when situations have been discussed and plans made beforehand. In this way no one or two girls carry the burden of responsibility and the balance of power is preserved.

E. W. A.

**A DISAP-
POINTMENT**

Perhaps fraternity affairs are so masterfully managed now that our chapters do not lose many invitations they send out. But to call up college reminiscences is a part of the alumna's life. I remember one rainy dark Saturday, a pledge-day, when we anxiously waited for the six we had chosen to come to us and tell us how happy they were that we

wished to call them Thetas. One after the other they came to the cosy corner where many a friendly cup of tea had been drunk with them, and were shown to the rooms of the fraternity members who were to reason with them. What was our consternation when after the first four left, our own girls came from their rooms with mournful faces, and said we were not accepted. The last two freshmen comforted us by deciding we were the only fraternity for them and our usual exclamations of joy were heard.

But the consolation in this experience was that our chapter never enjoyed a more prosperous year. We were drawn closer together for there is nothing like a disappointment or sorrow to cement friendship; there were fewer of us and we agreed more nearly in policy; best of all, we, as individuals, determined for the honor of our chapter to make the best use of our time.

The next year every freshman we asked was delighted with the honor and became a loyal Theta.

**PASSING OF
HIGH SCHOOL
SORORITIES** The vote of our convention that the high school sorority should be discouraged has received a satisfactory, though unconscious, endorsement from the recent action of the principal of the Girls' High School of Brooklyn, New York.

The action, though final, has not been unexpected; and, needless to say, meets with the approbation of the corps of teachers, many of whom are members of the national college fraternities.

Dr. William L. Felter, principal of the Girls' High School, announced to the members of the eight Greek-letter chapters in that school that while he would not disband them they must not initiate any new members.

As indicated by this and similar actions, the high school sororities have incurred an antagonism which, even in the east, is neither local nor ephemeral, and before the next convention the necessity for radical action will probably have passed with the passing of the high school sorority.

GAMMA ALUMNAE.

At the table the other day talk became **TALKING SHOP** strongly flavored with quizzes and other college "business." A protest arose accordingly. One of the girls said:

"Now, let's leave our lessons at the threshold of the dining room and at table talk of something else!"

That is all very well for quizzes but as for talking about what is our life while we are in college, is it not the most natural thing in the world? Moreover, we are here to broaden our intellectual grasp, to become educated women. Unless we can carry our education entertainingly into our daily life we have failed.

So, let us continue to talk "shop," the interesting part of it, at least, and, by rubbing wit against wit, each polish the other and add some luster which we have not had time to gain for ourselves through the classroom!

EDITH W. ACKERMAN, Chi.

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 21, 1907.

Delta Alumnae is planning to celebrate Founder's Day at her regular meeting, the third Saturday in January. We cordially invite all Thetas who can to have luncheon with us at the Chicago Beach Hotel, Saturday, January 18, at one o'clock. The tickets will be one dollar. If you who read the Journal know of any Thetas who may possibly attend please send names and addresses to

ANNA E. DRUMMOND,
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EXCHANGES

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We are pleased to acknowledge the following exchanges:

September: *Record of Sigma Epsilon*; *Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

October: *Caduceus of Kappa Sigma*; *Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*; *Kappa Alpha Journal*; *Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega*; *Phi Chi Quarterly*; *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi*; *Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma*; *Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta*.

November: *Alpha Phi Quarterly*; *Caduceus*; *Delta of Sigma Nu*; *Arrow of Pi Beta Phi*; *Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha*; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Trident of Delta Delta Delta*; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Anchora of Delta Gamma*; *Eleusis of Chi Omega*; *Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho*.

Among the many exchanges that come to us there are often splendid publications which we wish every chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta might read but which may not contain articles easily quoted. Such a magazine is the November number of the *Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma*, containing as it does the scholarly and fascinating article upon *Scientific Privileges* by Henrietta Prentiss. *Social Life in a University* and *The Personal Element in College Life* are also worthy of the most thoughtful consideration of every fraternity woman. We congratulate the editor of the *Key* upon this splendid number.

The following clippings supplement the preceding articles upon the honor system:

We Phis endorsed at our Washington Convention the honor system in colleges, but I am afraid that we have too restricted

a sense of honor in this phrase. To most students it means only the unwatched examination, the trust put in the student's pledge that he has neither given nor received assistance; what is needed is the extension of honor to every act of life, especially to athletics in which today honor seems to be lacking. The elevation of student ideals must come through students; it is in their power with the aid of the faculty and alumni to regenerate that keen sense of personal integrity which causes one to suffer defeat rather than take the slightest advantage of a technicality. The Greek-letter society speaking in its conventions through its graduate members can aid in the development of this.—*Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

This paragraph from Amy E. Tanner's article in the *International Journal of Ethics* is quoted from the *Key*. The college referred to is Wilson College.

For example, three years ago we introduced into this college, first the system of student government, and a year later, the honor system. Student government made the student-body responsible for quiet and order in the college at all times and upon all occasions. An instructor became simply a resident, who had only the same privilege of complaint to a proctor or other officer as any student had, and she also might be "proctored" if there was an unseemly noise issuing from her room at improper hours. The honor system made each student responsible for the prevention of cheating, both in examinations and in daily work, each student taking a pledge neither to give nor to receive help, and to report any student who did either, to the Self-government Board. All the officers under both systems are elected by the students.

This interesting information follows a thorough and keen review of President Seelye's attack upon women's fraternities:

President Seelye also says that in the leading women's colleges of the day sororities do not exist and would not be permitted, because they are not needed and would seriously interfere with the social ideal.

This last point is of especial interest, coming, as it does, from the president of the largest women's college. A good many years ago, when the college dormitories provided ample accommodations for all Smith students, there did exist an ideal communal life. In recent years, however, the number of new buildings has failed to

keep pace with the increased number of students, many of whom, under present conditions, are forced to find board and lodging in private families. It is interesting to note that under these conditions, similar in some respects at least, to those that Dr. Seelye says encouraged the formation of the first sororities, some of the Smith students, despite faculty opposition, have resorted to the sorority plan. One of the organizations, Delta Sigma, is of several years standing, possesses a goodly membership among the alumnae, and has recently erected a luxurious chapter house. Smith is not the only large woman's college which thus gives an ocular demonstration of the fraternity tendency. In others, where it is impossible for all the students to be accommodated in the college houses, the same movement is on foot. The president of one of these, instead of frowning upon the growing sentiment, gives a guarded answer to all requests for permission to seek a national charter in the words: "The time is not yet ripe."—*The Arrow*.

There are those who respect fraternities!

Congressman James S. Sherman of New York is a Sigma Phi. After he had won a certain primary election, one of his opponents went about explaining it thus: "I tell you, these college clubs is great. We'd beat Jim Sherman out of sight if it wa'n't for them Signifies. When my boy goes to college he's going to be a Signify, sure as you're a foot high."

Loyalty is the easiest of all fraternity principles to preach; it is one of the hardest to define. It is insisted upon as a concrete practice by every organization, yet it is as intangible as those other abstract virtues at whose definition we halt. Loyalty is neither a program of behavior nor a schedule of duties; it is rather an attitude of mind leaving judgment free to determine the proper course of action in each test of devotion. Internally, nothing is more essential to the welfare of an organization than loyalty; externally, nothing subjects it to greater ridicule than some of the current grotesque misconceptions of loyalty. These misconceptions of the meaning of loyalty have caused whatever of disrepute the college fraternity has earned and they are back of practically all anti-fraternity legislation.

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Loyalty is not blindness, nor complacency, nor conceit, nor selfishness, nor political efficiency, nor snobbishness; it is playing fair to every ideal realization of the paramount interest, work. Loyalty is not hide-bound observance of a formulated code; it is

liberty to get things done that are worth doing in such a way that the manner of accomplishment shall be as great an honor to the organization as the thing done. Loyalty is no more partisanship than liberty is license.—*Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*.

The following utterance by President David Starr Jordan, of Leland Stanford Jr. University, is a timely one on a subject which has evoked much thought of late:

For the evils of college fraternities I know of but one remedy—bring in better men. These organizations are good or bad according to the aggregate influence of the men in them. If a college has a large body of young men in training to be gentlemen of leisure, idlers, triflers, or snobs, it will have fraternities composed of just these fellows. If a college is determined to educate only men worthy of the money expended on them, it will make no provision for the idler. The "gentleman of leisure" at the best is only dead wood in our body politic. But even if he is to be encouraged, the best training for his youth, as well as for all other youths, is to make him work. The best preventive for youthful vices is to keep the boys busy. If a college will drop from its rolls all who cannot or will not do the work expected of them, at the time when it is due, and by the man himself, not a hired coach, then decent men will be left—all that are worth educating. If decent and industrious men are gathered into fraternities, these again will be decent and industrious, as well as democratic. There is nothing which so promotes democracy in college as to hold every man alike up to his work, while the rest, rich or poor, are led quietly to the edge of the campus, to be dropped off into a less strenuous life.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

Both alumnae and active members might also profit by these suggestions:

More particularly have we been interested in the accounts of entertainments by chapters for the benefit of their alumni. Of course all chapters, as well as alumni clubs, are expected to observe Alumni Day, an annual event which has been longer observed in our fraternity than in any other.

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We notice that Indiana Delta sent to all of its alumni New Year's greetings in the form of Franklin College souvenir post cards. Louisiana Alpha has for several years sent out Easter cards to its alumni and other members. Missouri Beta has the privilege of being the custodian of the grave of Father Morrison, and annually

on Alumni Day, which is his birthday, pays loving tribute to his memory.

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But we believe that the fraternity cannot have too many commemorative customs, and, therefore, we shall be glad to see other observances adopted. Such celebrations will do much to heighten the interest of members in their chapters and to develop and deepen the loyalty of both active members and alumni.—*Scroll.*

More than one active chapter has been saved ere now by the enthusiasm and earnestness of a single brother in it. Now the alumni of a great city have been aroused to vigorous action by the efforts of one brother. What an inspiration to Kappa Sigma patriotism a record of these lone-handed battles for the fraternity would make! Verily, enthusiasm, even as faith, can move mountains.—*Caduceus.*

In spite of your very pessimistic and gloomy letter, I think you are still held in the same brotherly esteem by all, as when a little less than a year ago, you were fairly bursting with fraternity enthusiasm and an ever-ready desire to shout "Whoopy-Do." I want to make that statement first and strongest, for I think your trouble is not in others, but in your own self. I think I recognize the symptoms, and though I know nothing about medicine, I think I can diagnose your case and prescribe a remedy.

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You are merely chafing under the restraint of leadership, when you say the older men are hard on you. Stop and think a moment! They have had more than three years training and their outlook is more to be trusted than yours. The most important duties must be assumed by the leaders, and the thousand and one minor things, each little in itself, perhaps, but contributing to the success of the whole scheme, must fall to the lot of the younger men. I remember walking in on the chapter one time, when P——, commander last year, was a sophomore. He and a couple of others were rubbing down the corners of the hardwood floor, with great carpet mits on their hands and pads on their knees. They were getting ready for an informal dance, and to make both ends meet, someone had to do this.

I took some pains to find out just how correct your statement was, that the boys wouldn't give you any help in your studies. I found very naturally that they refused to do all your calculus problems and to translate all your German, day after day, while

you—well never mind what you were doing. If there is a hard point in math., or a difficult passage of German, or an obscure principle in chemistry, the boys are always glad to help you out, but I am sure they don't like to be relied on to be your tutors in all this.

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I am sorry that it seems necessary to write any response to your statement that the alumni interest is gone. No, my brother, it is not gone! If it were gone, I wouldn't take the trouble to write you tonight; if it were gone, the men I meet wouldn't say, "what do you hear from the boys—I haven't heard for so many months;" if it were, you wouldn't be living in a comfortable chapter house with Sigma Nu on the corner stone. How many letters have you written to the alumni this year? One! This one, I am answering. How many alumni notes should you have replied to? Five or six, as your share, I'll warrant.—Letter from an alumnus to a sophomore in *Delta of Sigma Nu*.

It is a circumstance to be greatly regretted but a fact nevertheless that the great majority of Sorority girls, both active and alumnae, are ignorant of *national* Sorority life. They forget that the active chapter of which they are members is but a small part of the whole Sorority; the Sorority in turn forgets that she is but a small part of the *National* Sorority world. Only delegates to the National Conference realize the fact; would that their realization might be observed by every member of a Sorority!—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

One of the most interesting articles that has come to our attention is that by Frederick W. Taylor upon *A Comparison of University and Industrial Discipline and Methods* in the November *Beta Theta Pi*. We quote the following:

Let me repeat in conclusion that our college graduates are the best picked body of men in the community. Yet I believe that it is possible to so train young men that they will be useful to their employers almost from the day that they leave college; so that they will be reasonably satisfied with their new work instead of discontented; and to place them upon graduating one or two years nearer success than they now are; and that this can best be accomplished by giving them an earnest purpose through six months contact early in their college life with men working for a living; by rigidly prescribing a course of studies carefully and logically

selected, and with some definite object in view, and by subjecting them to a discipline comparable with that adopted by the rest of the world.

In connection with the above, the following information is of special interest:

The University of Cincinnati is the pioneer in offering an engineering course in which half the students alternate with the other half in studying at the university one week and working the next week in factories in the city. A large number of factories co-operate in the plan and pay the students for their work at from ten cents an hour up. Students are expected to work in the factories during most of the time of the usual summer vacation, and they receive degrees at the end of six years.—*Scroll*.

We are glad to note further Pan-Hellenic tendencies among the men's fraternities.

All but one of the fraternities at the Georgia School of Technology have signed an agreement to respect the pledge buttons of the other fraternities—that is, if a man is pledged by one fraternity none of the others who signed the agreement will make any effort to cause him to join his particular fraternity. We think this a good step, especially in view of the fact that an attempt to form a Pan-Hellenic Council last year was a failure, and only regret that one fraternity should not see fit to join with the others in raising the standard of this phase of fraternity work.—*Shield and Diamond of Pi Kappa Alpha*.

We would have every chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon a leader in any movement leading to a Pan-Hellenic understanding that would effectually modify extravagant rushing tactics. Such extravagance is an injustice to the fraternity system, because it furnishes sensational features for the criticism that is so generously bestowed. Such extravagance is an injustice to the fraternity man and to the prospective neophyte, because both could use to better advantage the time spent in elaborate entertaining, at the same time bringing about the desired result in an easier and more quiet way.—*The Record*. (Quoted by *Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha*.)

Every fraternity will endorse this plea for graduation:

The work of the freshman year is basal. Small freedom in electives is allowed the sophomore. The junior year is the period when the college student really begins to live. Now, she has the

opportunity to choose the subjects which she needs or enjoys most. Now, she has a chance to assert her own individuality. No longer is she simply a member of the class. Now she may show the mettle of which she is made. This is the heritage of the junior year. The senior year brings her the same advantages increased ten fold. These two years are brief enough. Take from her any part of them and the loss is inestimable. She finds herself in the world without the breadth of vision, without the poise, without the power of thought, which these years tend to produce. Every fraternity woman owes it to her fraternity to make herself as valuable a member as possible. Is she fulfilling her duty to herself or to her fraternity if she wilfully cuts herself off from the very years of college life which are most beneficial?—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

The editor respectfully submits the following:

Habit is defined as memories so ingrained that they become involuntary action. This definition moves us to wonder if there are any Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae who have the habit of subscribing to Themis so ingrained that the action becomes involuntary. We would certainly place this on the side of good habits, and we encourage its cultivation.—*Themis*.

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EDITORIALS

The editor has been much interested in collecting the foregoing articles on the honor system. With the exceptions of Yale, the University of Vermont, and Washington University, St. Louis, we have found no instance where the system, once tried, has been abandoned. In two of these three institutions the reasons for abandoning it have been the same, i. e., that the student espionage was objectionable. Where the system has been a success there is little such espionage, but upon the sentiment of the student body rests the effectiveness of the system. We wish that in every college, as at Princeton, student public sentiment would decree that no student could do dishonest work in an examination and remain in college.

The fraternities, because of a strong organization, are in a position to create such a sentiment. Let us first see to it, that, individually, as fraternity women, we are ourselves above suspicion; then, through local Pan-Hellenics or other organizations use our utmost influence to secure, if not the honor system, a spirit of honor which shall utterly forbid dishonesty not only in examinations but in all class work as well. In the college we must surely have progressed beyond the point where the spirit of "getting ahead of the teacher" prevails.

That the honor system is being so generally agitated shows we believe that student bodies are gaining in self-respect and in realization of the ultimate purpose of their college life. Dishonest college work is no longer a jest.

The student committee at Washington University whose weakness—as shown in the preceding article on that institution—allowed considerations of popularity to influence its administration of the honor system, deserved the punishment received. If a student body is incapable of acting justly, on the merits of a case, the honor system, or any other form of self-government must be a failure.

A meeting of the Deans and Advisors of Women of co-educational colleges and universities was held in Chicago, December 19 and the following days. One session was devoted to a joint meeting of the Deans and delegates to the Inter-Sorority Conference, the latter being represented by Miss Jobelle Holcombe, Miss Elda L. Smith and Mrs. Laura H. Norton. In our next issue we hope to give our readers a full account of the sessions.

At the last meeting of the Inter-Sorority Conference in Chicago the recommendation that all editors send exchanges to each existing college chapter of all sororities recognized by the I. S. C., was withdrawn. The reason for this action was the great expense of such an extensive exchange. We regret however that chapters will no longer regularly receive the periodicals of sister fraternities, for we recognize that exchange of ideas through the journals brings mutual respect and helpfulness. We therefore urge all of our chapters to arrange with the chapters of other fraternities in their college for the exchange of journals, and to subscribe for such others as can not be obtained in this way.

We urge all chapters to delay no longer the appointment of the alumnae secretaries recommended by the convention and to use the greatest care in their selection. The alumnae secretary, who is interested in her work, should be a strong factor in keeping the active chapter in touch with its alumnae and in keeping the alumnae informed of each other. The editor hopes to obtain active co-operation from the alumnae secretaries in securing personals for the Journal and in preliminary work necessary for the publication of a catalogue. Chapters will please notify the editor at once of the name and address of the alumnae secretary.

Our foreign mailing list is a gratification to the editor. It includes subscribers in France, Germany, Panama, South America, China, Japan, Hawaii, Cuba and the Philippines. The editor was much pleased to receive a renewal of subscription with an order for a subscription to be sent as a Christmas gift to a far-away Theta in Tokyo. In this connection the editor wishes to congratulate Sigma and Alpha Eta chapters upon their energetic corresponding secretaries, who have sent in more alumnae subscriptions to the Journal than have the secretaries of any of the older chapters.

For the March issue of the Journal all chapter editors will please send, as a portion of the required material, a brief account of the status of freshmen in their chapter, and the reasons therefor. We request alumnae editors to list all personals under the names of the active chapter, and give class and address whenever possible. Alumnae chapter editors who did not send the annual letter for this issue of the Journal are requested to send it for the March number.

Please sign all articles intended for publication.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was impossible to send November Journals to late subscribers. An effort is being made to secure copies which will be distributed as quickly as possible. Any one returning a copy of the November Journal will confer a great favor upon the editor and alumnae who have as yet received no copy of that number.

Gamma Alumnae meets the first Saturday in every month at the Hotel Martha Washington, 29 E. 29th St., New York City, at 12 o'clock. The chapter cordially welcomes any Kappa Alpha Theta in or about New York. There is also a Help Committee, the object of which is to be of service in any possible way to Kappa Alpha Thetas in the vicinity.

It is to be hoped that all chapters will give their hearty co-operation to those who are making an effort to complete their Journal files. The journals asked for by Lambda and Alpha Epsilon are in existence—plenty of them. Will each chapter search its files and help if possible to complete the sets for these chapters?

Lambda lacks the following:

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CHAPTER LETTERS

Alpha District

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

The past two months have gone to swell the account of Father Time, and we have had our first vacation of the year and are already making plans for the second. In reviewing these past days we find a few marked with the red star, and these will probably be of the most interest.

Iota chapter gave a reception on October 30, for Professor and Mrs. George L. Burr. Professor Burr has been connected with Cornell for some years being now professor of mediæval history. Their marriage took place in August and Iota desired to express her best wishes to these loyal chapter friends.

According to our Pan-Hellenic rules each fraternity is to entertain the whole entering class once during the first semester. Our entertainment was in the form of a country fair, held in one of the new Agricultural Buildings. Each girl was provided with a paper purse containing her allowance of paper money with which she might purchase almost anything to eat, from hot frankfurters to cider and doughnuts. The walls were decorated with all sorts of queer signs to call the attention of the wayfarer to the strangest kinds of side-shows. After the various shows had been given the fiddler tuned up and all the country lads and lassies tripped gaily through the Virginia Reel and the Paul Jones. If flushed and happy faces are indications of a good time, then our guests certainly had it.

With joy in our hearts we initiated Helen Jones into Kappa Alpha Theta, on November 23. The service was held at Mrs. Comstock's and we were very happy to have two of our Syracuse sisters present.

When our next letter is written a greater number of Iota sisters will join in wishing joy to every member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

ELIZABETH CLARKE.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Naturally, we wish to tell first about the girls pledged November 6, the pledge day fixed by the local Pan-Hellenic rules. These girls are: Jennie Menet, '09, of Barnstable, Massachusetts; Edna McMurray, '11, of North Hartland, Vermont; Lois Redmond, '11, of Newport, Vermont; and Bessie Buell, '11, of South Strafford, Vermont. These new members will strengthen our chapter, and together we hope to make this a successful year for Lambda. Initiation will take place December 3. The annual tea and the usual evening reception were the only entertainments given by us for the freshmen this year.

All college girls have been interested this fall in furnishing the new Y. W. C. A. room in the "Old Mill." This room is the outcome of Miss Bentley's efforts at the time of her visit last winter. With the assistance of university alumnae and others interested in the work of the association there is now a pleasant place in which the college girls may meet.

Our new agricultural building, Morrill Hall, is to be dedicated December 11.

The Sophomore-Freshman class game was played November 23, with the result that the former class was victorious. The varsity team has been unusually successful this year, having won ninety points to their opponents' total of sixty-seven points.

For each chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta we send the wish that just the right new girls may come, as we feel they have come to us this year.

MARY ROBINSON.

SIGMA—TORONTO UNIVERSITY

It is with a deep sigh of relief and satisfaction that we of Sigma chapter have settled down, after a strenuous season of rushing and initiation. As we anticipated, the rushing this year was much more keen than formerly, since we now have in Toronto, beside two local groups, the inter-

national fraternity, Alpha Phi. Our rushing, though rather extensive, by no means drained our bank account and we feel that our new girls enjoyed our informal little walks and teas better than any more elaborate form of entertainment.

Asking-day came earlier this year,—November 1, four days later we were happy to be able to pledge the three girls asked. Our initiates are, Alice Ball, Mary Kentner and Dorothy Dean Tate, all of the year '11.

Initiation this year was held in our new fraternity rooms, which have been so kindly lent us by Professor and Mrs. Mavor, and to them also we are most grateful for the banquet, which followed our initiation proper. We were fortunate in having all our '07 graduates with us again, as well as three other members of our alumnae. In addition to the usual toasts this year, we drank one most heartily to our bride elect, Evelyn Ward, at whose wedding, December 19, we all expect to be present.

Socially, the college has been very gay this fall. There have been several large dances,—one a Hallowe'en Masquerade given by the Women Alumnae; also the usual class receptions and a Guy Fawke's party at Queen's Hall, the Womens' Residence. "Rugby," one of the most popular of the college dances, is to be held December 13.

MARION F. COATS.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Since the November letter, Chi has been making history. On October 18 we held initiation, and on October 18 the banquet at the Kanetenah Club. The initiates, in addition to those reported last time, are Ella Baird, '11, Newport, N. Y., sister of Grace Baird Hersey, '04, Tientsin, China; Fanny Dexter, '11, Watertown, N. Y.; Marie Kolbe, '11, New Rochelle, N. Y.; and Elizabeth Wands, '11, Norwich, N. Y. This is the largest class that Chi has initiated in years. We have usually taken less than the other fraternities. From ten to eleven is about the average. The banquet is hardly of interest to other than Chi girls, for

all Theta initiation banquets are necessarily of the same type. This one was, if possible, the best.

November 6 we entertained informally at the chapter house in honor of our freshmen. The guests were freshmen. Then on November 25, the chapter gave its formal semester party at the Crouse homestead on West Genesee street. Harriet Disbrow, ex-'06, Virginia Emmons, '07, and Florence Wilson, '07, were in town for that event.

November 19 six of us active girls joined by Grace O'Hara, '07, Florence Wilson, '07, and Flora Anderson, '06, went down to Port Gibson, N. Y., to a Theta wedding. There we found Ada Parker, charter member, Harriet Disbrow, ex-'06, Mabel Wombough, '06, Elizabeth Tennant, ex-'08, Beatrice Throop, '04, and, best of all, the bride, Beulah Throop, '06. Such a reunion as it was! At five o'clock occurred the marriage ceremony. During the wedding supper we sang Theta songs, answered occasionally by Zeta Psi songs. At nine o'clock we all scattered. When we were on our way to eight-fifties the next morning it seemed very unreal that we had actually seen Beulah and all the dear old girls.

We have just been rejoiced to receive word that Mary Cook Cole, '05 (Mrs. D. H.), Glens Falls, N. Y., has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She will visit the chapter in June, at which time she will be initiated.

Just before Thanksgiving the Silver Bay girls gave "Breezy Point," a college farce. There were two Thetas on the cast. The proceeds go to fit up the Y. W. C. A. rooms in the Hall of Languages. Just now the student body is interested in the series of talks given each night this week in Crouse College by Dr. Henderson of the National Y. M. C. A.

Next week comes the junior prom. When you read this letter you may think of us as studying with might and main preparing for midyears the last of January. But in the midst of them, on the twenty-seventh, we will stop long enough to wish yet greater growth and prosperity to Kappa Alpha Theta!

EDITH W. ACKERMAN.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Swarthmore is much pleased at the completion of her new library, a handsome building of gray stone that adds greatly to the dignity of the campus and to the comfort and pleasure of the students. Among recent gifts to the library are a number of books presented by Horace Howard Furniss and the library of Dr. Wm. Hyde Appleton, presented through the Swarthmore chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. The latter contains many valuable old Greek books and almost all the published editions of Byron's works.

In this new library building our faculty has entertained the faculties of Bryn Mawr, Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.

Our football team has been very successful this year, having played Pennsylvania, Cornell, Annapolis and Bucknell. The game with the Navy was the chief event of our football season. Some of us went to the game and, while being entertained in Baltimore over Sunday, enjoyed meeting the Alpha Delta girls. After Miss Jeanes' will was published the student body, as a whole, seemed to show more football spirit than usual, evidently feeling that the team needed all the support it could get in face of the pending decision.

A number on our lecture course that was especially enjoyed was a lecture-recital on "Siegfried" by Walter Damrosch. Even those of us who had never studied music and who knew nothing about it technically, could not help being impressed by the power of the musical genius which Mr. Damrosch explained.

Another entertainment the whole college enjoyed was a song recital by Miss Edith Mills. She sang old English songs, her selections being chiefly from Shakespeare. Her voice was beautiful and she sang in a way that took us back, in spirit, to the days of Queen Elizabeth.

Just now all the girls are interested in making money for our new athletic field, which is nearing completion. Each girl is supposed to earn a dollar toward the fund by

her own individual effort. The ways and means employed would amuse an outsider. Some girls black shoes and make beds in their zeal for the cause, while others rent cherished fudge pans and curling irons.

At Bryn Mawr a few days ago we met two Thetas, who entered the sophomore class there this year, one from Tau, the other from Psi. We had a pleasant talk, comparing notes and finding that Theta policy, even in the smallest details, is much the same both east and west. They promised to come over to a fraternity meeting sometime soon, and we are looking forward to their visit with pleasure.

We of Alpha Beta can hardly realize that our rushing season is practically over and that Pledge Day will soon be here. We have had the three big rushing parties which our Pan-Hellenic allows and feel that they have been thoroughly successful. Next time we hope to introduce to you our freshmen.

PRISCILLA GOODWYN.

ALPHA DELTA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

At last the long excitement of rushing season is over, and Alpha Delta is enjoying the succeeding calm. It is with great pleasure that we introduce to you our three pledges, Grace Bennett of Baltimore; Allegra Covey of Farmer City, Illinois, and Rachel Miller of Ford City, Pa., who will be initiated December 14 in time to wear their new kites home Christmas. It is the custom here for each fraternity to entertain all the pledges so that freshmen are not allowed to be dull now that the strenuous rush is past.

The last two months have passed very swiftly and happily for us. Early in October we were favored by a visit from Mrs. Minnie Hannaman James, a charter member of Beta chapter whose sister is our matron this year. We all fell in love with Mrs. James and it was most interesting to hear her talk of the early days of the fraternity. It certainly is an inspiration to meet our older sisters. As a little parting gift Mrs. James left us some exquisite Japanese cups and saucers. Then a little later we had a short but

delightful call from several girls from Alpha Beta who stopped on their way home from the Swarthmore-Annapolis football game, in high spirits over their splendid victory.

Several of our girls spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Thetas in Philadelphia and New York. Thanksgiving afternoon Florence Walther entertained the rest of the chapter, several of our alumnae, and our pledges at a very pretty tea at her home.

College events have been as those of this season ever are. The freshman-sophomore tennis tournament is always an exciting occurrence here. Everybody wears cap and gown and carries class banners, and the spirit of interclass rivalry is active. This year the sophomores won. Since it has become rather cold for tennis, basketball is receiving a great deal of time and attention. There has been the usual round of college receptions, lectures etc.

There is one thing that we regret exceedingly to record and that is the resignation of Dr. John F. Goucher from his position as President of this college on account of ill-health. Dr. Goucher has been President of the college since its earliest years and too much cannot be said of his work here. No one has yet been named to take his place.

EDNA WHITE.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

We of Alpha Epsilon are rejoicing in three things, our fraternity contract, our fraternity room, and the return of one of our sophomores. Our inter-fraternity contract, which allows no pledging till February, renders our relations with the freshmen so natural and easy that we are good friends with formerly unknown freshmen. With the generous assistance of one of our alumnae, we have engaged a room about five minutes' walk from college, and it is unspeakably delightful to see our household gods smile on us once more. Then one of our sophomores who returned from Europe in October will settle down to work again next term.

The social life here at Brown has been so unsatisfactory

that this year, in common with two other fraternities, we are giving up our annual dance. While this involves considerable sacrifice for some of us, we are hoping that an increase in marks, resulting from the earlier hours, will compensate us.

FRANCES FOSTER.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

As is probably known by many colleges, the fraternity system has not been satisfactory for some years past to the faculty at Barnard. Rushing seems to be the debatable point. An early pledge-day with a short rushing season was tried and found wanting, and a late pledge-day with a long rushing time was also tried—the faculty disapproving of that on the ground that it lowered the scholarship.

This year, in October, the fraternities of Barnard College were informed through Pan-Hellenic that the student governing body, at the desire of the faculty, had decreed, that for the present, the fraternities can pledge no freshmen before April of their sophomore year. The rushing is to be unlimited, but not excessive, any fraternity seen rushing excessively to be reprimanded by Student Council.

Although this was somewhat expected, it was nevertheless a shock, and many were the prophesies that the first knell of Barnard fraternities had been sounded. And indeed, it did seem rather serious—taking in no freshmen for two years would find a small active chapter next year, with two classes to rush. From the freshman's point of view it seemed as if they were denied almost the half of active fraternity life, not an advantage for them nor for their fraternity.

But the situation had to be faced and soon the happier part of the arrangement became evident. The obnoxious phases of rushing will be removed, the fraternity girls will make more real friendships with the lower classmen, and most important, the fraternities must live up to their ideals, and the freshmen will strive to attain to the fraternities, instead of the fraternities eagerly pursuing them. Thus we

of Barnard expect that the new regulation will strengthen the strong fraternities in college, and make them nearer the ideal fraternity.

Alpha Zeta has nothing to fear from this arrangement. Bound closely together, alumnae and active members work in constant harmony, and the active chapter feels that there is ever behind it a sympathetic and powerful sister. Already this year we greatly thank our alumnae, who individually have done much for us in many ways.

We are glad to announce that November 13 we initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta, Una M. Bernard, a member of the junior class, for two years past studying in England and in Germany.

LEONORA L. ARMSTRONG.

ALPHA KAPPA—ADELPHI COLLEGE

There is some advantage in being the baby chapter after all, for did we not have a visit from the Grand President in early November? Yes, indeed, Miss Harrison spent two afternoons with us and we were mighty glad of the opportunity to meet her.

Pledge-day, December 13, is getting near. We have had our two rushing parties and are to have the third on December 12. On the whole our Pan-Hellenic has worked well, but next year, profiting by our experience, we hope to change several points. We await the outcome with interest.

We feel very proud of our two initiates, Doctor Annie Marion MacLean and Isabella Kelly, '09. Annie Marion MacLean, B.A., M.A., Ph.M., Ph.D., has been connected with Acacia College, University of Chicago, Royal Victoria College, McGill University, Stetson University and is at present Professor of Sociology in Adelphi College. She is also a contributor to "The American Journal of Sociology," "The World To-Day," and "Charities and Commons." We know that she will be a great help to us.

CAROLINE M. SUTPHIN.

Beta District

ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

October 21 has come and gone, and Alpha's roll has twelve new names added to its number. The girls who were pledged are, Hazel Bowman, Marion; Betty Reed, Warsaw, Ind.; Glennis Life, Fairmount, Ind.; Grace Rhoades, Shelbyville; Corinne Puliam, Chanute, Kans.; Gertrude Braymer, Van Buren; Helen Sunday, Chicago; Edna Bence, Ina Bence, Margaret Baker, Lucile Allen and Florine Gobin, all of Greencastle. The Tuesday evening following pledge-day, a reception was given at the chapter house to present the pledges to the college-world.

We have been asked by Professor Kleinsmidt to repeat the Japanese operetta which we gave at a party last spring. It is to be given next Friday evening in Meharry Hall—the proceeds to be given to the Athletic Association. The girls feel especially complimented that they should be asked to furnish one of the most important annual entertainments of the college.

All of our freshmen have bought the official pins. The sentiment regarding them doesn't seem to be general, however. Some of the girls seem very pleased with them but equally as many feel a very great disappointment about them. We are interested in knowing what the other chapters think about them.

De Pauw has initiated a new institution into its college-life. The faculty set aside the day of the last football game of the season as "Old Gold Day." In the morning the freshmen and sophomores fought for supremacy in a basket-ball game, a football game and a scrap. The sophomores came off victorious in the basket-ball game and the scrap, but the football game was a tie. In the afternoon De Pauw played Earlham, winning with a score of 19 to 6. Never has De Pauw enthusiasm run any higher than it did after the game and during the student body meeting held that evening in which the "D's" were awarded the football men.

HELEN MAC NEILL.

BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

The last half of fall term somehow seems nothing but a preparation for winter term. We are interested most particularly, just at this time, in final examinations. In about a week now, they will begin to close in on us. The undergraduates, by the duty they owe to everything and every one ought to pass, and we seniors—well, we *must* pass. In consequence, many golden hours are devoted to study. Then the departmental clubs claim a certain amount of time. The French club will present a farce next term and rehearsals go on constantly. We have a Theta in the caste, and we had a member in a play given by the Women's League not long ago. That is another thing that we take an active interest in, the Women's League, and the Y. W. C. A., too, and the class basket-ball teams and music. We are now at the point where we nearly have a school of music connected with the university. We have a pianist who spends all his time here and then instructors for voice and violin come down from Indianapolis every week. Many students take advantage of this opportunity to take lessons and we hope sometime to have a regularly organized department. In short, there is nothing that we do not take an active interest in, and we are trying hard to put Kappa Alpha Theta at the head, in every line.

We have done no entertaining since the introduction dance for our pledges, so we are now inviting the alumnae and the mothers out to a sort of combination reception and minstrel, given by the upperclassmen. All the jokes and most of the songs are original and every one is developing a most astonishing genius for negro dialect.

But the best news of all, is that we have an archive-chest, a big, long, mahogany box large enough to hold any number of documents and a girl or two besides. Soon we shall be ready to file away the papers that have been accumulating since the beginning of our chapter, over thirty-seven years ago. We have seen more clearly than we ever did before the beauty in the history of the fraternity, both

nationally and locally. We have realized better the grandeur of our traditions, and when we put away those records, I believe it will be with an increased reverence, for the ideal of Kappa Alpha Theta.

ALICE BOOTH.

GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

This is the first year that Gamma chapter has entered the Pan-Hellenic contract and it has proved successful for us. October 5 we pledged Alice Mummenhoff, Helen Reed, Lois Brown, Florence Snodgrass, Margaret Browning and Margaret Barr of Indianapolis; Nell Reed and Roxana Thayer of Greenfield. October 19 initiation was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Eichrodt followed by a spread at the residence of Helen Holton, our transfer from Tau chapter.

We celebrated our first birthday anniversary November 3 with an informal reception at the Theta cabin. The presents received included silverware and a mirror from Zeta Alumnae and a loving cup from the former Gamma chapter.

The Lotus Club, otherwise known as the Woman's League, has created a new interest at Butler this year among the college girls. The faculty has given us the use of a large room, which the Club has furnished, in the main building. The women of the faculty have materially assisted in bringing the organization to its present flourishing condition. We have taken special interest in the club and are proud of the fact that one of our members, Anne Hughes, is chairman of the executive committee.

Gamma extends good-wishes for a successful year.

LOUISE ANNE WHEELER.

EPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER

The fall term has passed quickly and happily for Epsilon chapter. Never have we worked harder or had more good times. On Friday evening, October 25, we entertained the alumnae and mothers of the town girls at an informal reception in our Hall. Autumn leaves were in their full glory

at the time and made a very effective decoration upon the background of green wall paper.

The happiest event of our chapter life, however, has been the initiation of our five splendid freshmen on Saturday night, November 30. Hisa Candor, Bogata, Colombia, South America; Lera Avison, Toronto, Canada; Ruth Lucas, Mary Metz and Lilian Notestine, Wooster, Ohio, are now the proud wearers of the kite. We are very happy over the results of rushing season. Our three other pledges, Grace Gaston, East Liverpool, Ohio, Katherine McCulloch, Freeport, Pa., and Katherine Seeley, Wooster, Ohio, cannot be initiated until after Christmas.

A most delightful Thanksgiving dance was given by two of our girls, Clarissa and Adelia Annat, at their beautiful home. As Friday was not a holiday, most of the girls remained here, and it was the happiest way possible to spend the evening away from home.

Now that football season is over, attention is turned toward basketball and enthusiasm grows intense over the interclass games which are soon to be played. The winning class is presented with a large banner, the possession of which is considered a high honor. These games are also splendid in developing good men for the varsity basketball team.

EVELYN LUCAS.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The most eventful weeks of our year are passed and mid-semester exams are quieting the excitement which has prevailed through the Thanksgiving recess. In our last letter the list of initiates did not include Esther Shaw, whom we pledged shortly after it was written. She won the Phi Beta Kappa key at Mount Holyoke and very fortunately chose Michigan for her graduate work.

Our group of initiates are very original this year; indeed, we did not realize their talents until, shortly before initiation, October 26, they planned a delightfully funny program, lasting all through dinner and the half hour immediately following. The favors for the upperclassmen and

sophomores were black cats, with a yellow chrysanthemum for our chaperon.

Forty gathered here for initiation—the first in our new home. Gamma, Alpha Gamma, Pi, and Tau chapters were each represented. Those who attended convention know how very much we enjoyed the banquet for Mamah Borthwick Cheney was toast-mistress.

The following Thursday was Hallowe'en and we gave an informal dance on that evening at the new Ann Arbor Golf Club for the initiates. A log-fire, autumn leaves and pumpkins made an attractive setting for a happy evening. Mrs. John Lawrence, Mrs. Walker, Miss Harrison, and Myra Post Cady chaperoned.

We are to be at home informally every Tuesday afternoon from half past four until six. It is an old custom which we take great delight in reviving.

The annual spread given by the sophomore girls to the freshmen comes next Saturday and a number of the girls are already looking forward to it.

The Christmas spirit is strongly imbued in Eta chapter this year, we almost feel as if it had already come and gone so many gifts have added to the joys of our new home.

ETHEL OBETZ.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

The five weeks of our rushing season are past, pledge day with its excitement has come and gone, and initiation is over. And now it is with great satisfaction that Mu introduces to the Theta world, our five new sisters,—Jessamine De Haven, Coraopolis, Pa.; Gertrude Hillman, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ruth Kelly, Meadville, Pa.; Bessie Metcalf, Jamestown, N. Y.; Mae Straw, Cambridge Springs, Pa.

Our rushing this year was very much limited by our Pan-Hellenic contract, and all Thetas were glad of the arrangement. Each fraternity was allowed two functions, one formal and one informal. Our term party at the home of Jane Dermitt was an autumn party in which every one took great interest.

One week after pledge-day our new little kittens entertained the old Thetas, as is Mu's custom, but this year the entertainment took the novel form of an auction party. After this party, as a charming surprise to us, the pledges presented the chapter with some beautiful china for our dining room.

We note with pleasure that Cochran Hall, the dormitory for men, is nearing completion. This is the second building of the sort on the present site,—the formal dormitory having been destroyed by fire many years ago.

On the Friday after Thanksgiving, Ethel Canfield, one of our alumnae, invited the active chapter and the town alumnae to her home at Cambridge Springs for dinner. After a delightful evening we returned on special car and the homeward journey was spent in singing college and fraternity songs.

We have previously omitted to mention that one of our last year's alumnae, Katherine Adams, graduated with honors, receiving the Phi Beta Kappa key.

FLORENCE M. GRAUEL.

PI—ALBION COLLEGE

First, let me introduce you to our pledges, Lena Fairweather, Elva Woodson, Lotta Fox, and Genevieve Crawford, of whom we are justly proud. November 23, Myrtle Smith of Swanton, Ohio, took a few days to drive dull care away by visiting us and participating in the good old times pot luck supper at the Lodge. She is looking forward to next year when she will be with us again.

But what greater pleasure can I tell you about than that Miss Anna Harrison honored us with an unexpected visit. After an informal supper at the Lodge, the evening was spent in talking, singing and dancing. We greatly appreciate the pleasure of getting personally and more intimately acquainted with our Grand President, but regret that she could not be with us longer and more often.

In college we also have had several treats. Along the first of the year we spent an enjoyable and instructive after-

noon with Will Carleton. Our lecture course opened with Senator Tillman. Through the influence of Professor Cozine we had a special musical evening. Ellen Beach Yau's marvelous voice charmed all those that heard her.

Just at present every one is at work digging up new ideas and old fashioned clothes for the Country Fair, which is to be held Saturday in the college gymnasium. This is an event that every one in college looks forward to.

ELLA A. MEINKE.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

During these fall days Alpha Gamma has been highly honored. We were visited for the week end of the last week of November by our Grand President, Miss Anna Harrison. Epsilon Alumnae gave a tea in her honor to the active chapters of the four existing sororities, some of their alumnae and to the faculty ladies. But to Alpha Gamma was granted the rarest treat—Miss Harrison's attendance at active fraternity meeting. The pleasure and honor of having her with us will long be remembered by us all.

The football season at Ohio State closed with the Thanksgiving game. There was but one defeat on State's otherwise splendid record. The game with Case November 16, sent the state championship cup just out of her reach.

The new Pan-Hellenic rules, providing for a pledge-day at the beginning of the second term and systematically arranged parties, are being carried out with the best of conscientiousness and good will by all the members of the association. However we are eager for the opening of the winter term.

MABEL LOVEJOY.

ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Rushing season is over and Alpha Eta still boasts of never having lost a "spike." Our neophytes have gone dutifully to work on fraternity lore and join enthusiastically in the singing of Theta songs at chapter meetings.

Athletics have absorbed much of our attention lately, the most interesting game of the season being that with Michi-

gan November 2. A cordial feeling has always existed between the two universities and whatever may be the score this feeling is maintained.

Among the city alumnae who meet with us at almost every chapter meeting are Rosa Ambrose, '07, and Roberta Dubose, '04, the only two girls who have ever taken Founder's Medal at the university.

A movement has been recently started to refurnish the girls' rooms in College Hall and many of the alumnae and faculty wives have been very generous about helping us. Our plans are materializing in a way that is very encouraging and the movement has done much to strengthen the ties between the college women.

Delta District

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Delta chapter is very happy to be able to introduce ten new girls,—Elizabeth Broaddus, Marion Moyer, Faye Seiler, Anne Staley, Lora Wright, Vera Rogers, Helen May, Lois Greene, Edwina Rowe and Helen Jordan,—who were initiated November 2. There were about fifty in all, who were present at our beautiful initiation service.

Our new Auditorium was dedicated, early in November, to Edward McDowell. Mr. Hamlin Garland gave an address telling of McDowell's life and sad illness, and following this were two concerts of his music.

The Woman's League, which is made up of all the women in the university, has fitted up a room in the hospital for university girls. It is quite an improvement over the ordinary rooms, and will contribute much toward making the days in the hospital more pleasant.

NELLIE M. GLEASON.

KAPPA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY

The Thanksgiving holidays are drawing close at hand and Kappa chapter will gladly welcome a few days' vacation. Thanksgiving this year, however, does not mean as

much to Kansas students as in the past. For many years all the students have gone enthusiastically and generally victoriously to Kansas City to see the annual Kansas-Missouri football game. Fraternity banquets and breakfasts have been given and the holidays made happy with reunions. This year the game is to be played at St. Joseph, Mo., quite a distance from here and not many of the students, especially the girls, will be able to attend.

October 19 we held initiation for five freshmen who are: Ann Troutman of Topeka, Kans.; Mary Overholt of Kansas City, Mo.; Lois Stevens, Oreta Moore, and Alive Wilhelme all of Lawrence. Shortly after the freshmen entertained the older girls and the alumnae with their "Katsup." They gave the farce "Bianca," which was a thorough success. After the performance we danced and sang Theta songs.

The dramatic fever is now raging at Kansas University and, I must frankly confess, many of the Thetas have succumbed. The German play, which was the most successful and elaborate production of its kind presented here, had Mary Glead in its cast. In the comedy, "Green Eyes," presented by the Masque Club December 6, Edna Hopkins and Isabel Barton took part. The comic opera "Patience," has Jessie Baldridge in a leading rôle and several of us as chorus ladies, while Mary Clarke and Hazel Allison have prominent parts in the play to be given by the University Dramatic Club.

ELIZABETH LUCIA LAIRD.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Since the first week of school there has been comparative quiet here, owing to the new rules doing away with rushing and pledging from the end of matriculation week to the issuing of the midsemester reports.

We are looking forward anxiously to the time when we can initiate our pledges of this year.

To start the new college year right and give the freshmen an opportunity to become acquainted with the girls in other fraternities, the girls have decided to have a "Pan-

Hellenic Dance" December 14. Each girl is to go to the dance with a member of another fraternity.

The girls' fraternities at Nebraska are glad to welcome a chapter of Alpha Chi Omega, which was installed during the Thanksgiving vacation.

The Dean of Women has taken up the question of dress reform among the girls. She has suggested that the students of all classes wear the cap and gown. She has also suggested that the older girls do all they can to show their disapproval of over-dressing at school. The seniors have opposed the wearing of the cap and gown by the lower class men, and the lower class men themselves do not seem to favor the idea.

JESSIE POWER.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Since our last letter a number of important things have happened in Tau chapter. First in importance came pledgeday and then initiation, and it is with great pleasure that we introduce to you five new Thetas,—Gertrude Mathews of Cambridge, Ohio; Mabel Kelsey of Linden, Indiana; and Lois Linthicum, Alice Ward, and Rachael Jones of Evanston. Our initiation and banquet took place in our fraternity rooms in Willard Hall November 8. Over fifty were present and included representatives from six different chapters. The banquet was followed by toasts, Edith Little, ex-'06, acting as toast-mistress, and by the singing of Theta songs, and we all felt more than ever that Tau had a great deal to be thankful for.

November 1 Julia Evans entertained all the active girls with a dinner party. The Hallowe'en idea was carried out in everything, and needless to say we had a delightful time as we did also at a spread which Clara Neely gave for us on the last day of October.

Professor Kappes of Evanston addressed the Woman's League November 16. His subject was "Personal Reminiscences of Longfellow."

Thanksgiving week scattered us somewhat, but those

who stayed in Evanston had such a good time that homesickness was an impossibility. On Wednesday evening Gertrude Curme entertained the Thetas and the Sigma Alpha Epsilons, while on Friday Marien Keyes entertained all the active girls at her home in Rogers Park. On Friday following Thanksgiving week we gave an informal dance at the Library Club in Glencoe at which a number of our alumnae were present, and the next afternoon we entertained our alumnae at an informal tea in honor of Alta Miller, who has just returned from two years of study with Jean De Reszke.

At present our girls are very much interested in an inter-sorority basketball league which is being formed by the eleven sororities here. The games will be played after Christmas and a trophy is to be given the winning team.

We have now settled down for that final siege of study before Christmas, and are already looking forward to our good times after the holidays as we have several plans on foot that we hope to put into execution in January, and about which we hope to tell you more in our next letter.

MARY WARD HOLTON.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Since writing our last letter to the Journal so much has transpired that it seems almost impossible to squeeze it into one short letter.

Football held our attention during October and November and we Minnesota people feel fairly proud of our record and especially jubilant of our showing in the game with Carlisle. The Upsilon girls kept open house after the Chicago and Carlisle games and enjoyed chatting to our friends over a cup of hot coffee and discussing the game pro and con.

Social activities have revived and many informals have been given by the fraternities and other organizations. The Dramatic Club is preparing to present "Esmeralda," in which one of our girls takes part, and the club expects to take it on the road during the Christmas holidays.

Women's fraternities are in the midst of rushing. Each one has a certain week in which it may give its first big rushing party. Ours occurred on the evening of November 14. We had a dinner at Katherine Pond's and a cotillion later in the evening at the Auditorium. Our next and last big party will not come until next semester sometime, but it is not until after pledge-day, the middle of April, that we shall know the result of our efforts.

We are planning to have our annual Christmas tree the evening of Dec. 18 when we shall exchange gifts among ourselves and revel in a good old chapter spread. Later on, after the holidays, we shall have a shower for the house. After that, semester examinations will be upon us.

Upsilon wishes all chapters a very happy new year.

DONNA M. LYCAN.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Psi held her pledge service October 5 and the initiation October 12. It was our first regular initiation in the house, and we were gratified to have with us so many of our alumnae in town as well as several from away. The time so far has been very much taken up with fitting ourselves into the new conditions of the school year. As a consequence, we have had only two general gatherings, the senior party and the alumnae picnic.

The seniors entertained us at a fortune telling game in our spacious attic; but their greatest success lay in the gorgeous spread that followed, of wedding cake with a thimble and a ring in it, and other good things. Our alumnae picnic came before Thanksgiving for the benefit of the kitchen, and we had a grand display of new dish-pans and egg-beaters, to the cook's delight.

MARION GRACE PEABODY.

ALPHA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

On the eve of Thanksgiving excitement reigns supreme at Texas. Anxiety over the football game between A. and M. College and the university, preparations for the German, distracting debüt parties and theatrical attractions—

as Grace George and Mme. Schumann-Heink, require Alpha Theta to work very zealously while yet 'tis day. The annual freshman reception held on Friday night was well conducted and very successful, despite efforts on the part of upperclassmen to the contrary. The university socially is, at present, very active. Invitations are out for a Kappa Sigma dance on Saturday night. Phi Delta Theta is holding the province convention here this week. Among other things, they entertained with a theatre party at Grace George's play, "The Divorcions," and supper at the chapter house afterward. Alpha Theta entertained informally on Hallowe'en, and serenading interrupted the nut-cracking and marsh-mallow toasting.

But more serious pursuits have engaged us. Initiation has been held and was one of the most impressive in the chapter history. Another freshman of unusual merit has been pledged. Alpha Theta has instituted, beside the chapter scrap-book, a chapter kodak book which will arouse keener interest in the old girls. Pictures give more of individuality than descriptions, however glowing. One of the very precious pictures is of Mrs. Garretson, and it has made us know her more personally than all the memories of the charter members and convention delegates.

The university at large has not for a long time enjoyed pleasanter and more enlightening entertainment than was afforded by the lectures and stereoptican presentations given by Mr. Cameron Johnson in the interest of foreign missions. Mr. La Flamme, national Y. M. C. A. secretary, has been with us too, and his visit meant much for the spiritual uplift of the university.

We shall soon be launched on a series of term examinations, then two weeks of release from study.

LEDA MAUDE NASH.

ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Since the last chapter letter five girls have been initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta. They are,—Eleanor Hale, '08; Alide Bowler, '10; Anne Fisher, '10; Anne Cushing, '11;

and Helen Fuller, '11. At present we have two pledges, Patti Marie Clayton, '10, and May Hoolan, '11.

The annual football game between Missouri State University and Washington University took place October 16. The eight Theta girls who went up to Columbia were most hospitably taken care of by the Delta Psis and the visit will be long remembered as one of the most pleasant events of the year.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to Miss Harrison's return visit which is to come in the latter part of this week. Everybody makes mistakes but it isn't everybody that can show the way out of a difficulty and set one right in the tactful manner that Miss Harrison does. Our only regret is that her visits are so few and far between.

On Saturday, November 30, Alpha Iota celebrated her first birthday. A dinner at McMillan Hall was followed by our regular monthly evening meeting, the remainder of the evening being devoted to the enjoyment of the society of our alumnae. Alpha Iota's year, despite some little worries, has been a most successful one and it is to be hoped that her second year will be even brighter than the first.

MARY B. GLASGOW.

Gamma District

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

In spite of our green hills and warm springlike days we have begun to realize finally that winter is here, for the college term is nearing its close, now, and in less than two weeks, we shall be laboring under the strain of final examinations. It seems only yesterday, that we initiated our eight freshmen into the fraternity, and gave our reception to introduce them to the college world.

A few weeks ago, Jessie McFarland, our district president, visited us for three or four days, on her way east. We were all so glad to be able to meet her.

At present, the chapter is looking forward to the meeting of the Kappa Alpha Theta house-association, which is

to be held December 7 at Henrietta Brewer's home in Oakland. It is now to be composed of active as well as alumnae members. Each one of us is supposed either to be there or send a letter telling of what we are doing.

Our annual game of Rugby football with Stanford, turned out most unsuccessfully for us, this year. However, we were glad of the chance for a little trip to Stanford, and the Phi chapter gave us such a good time, that we were almost compensated for our loss.

Last week, on a fine moonlight night, we had the rare treat of hearing the Milan Opera Company give a production of "7 Pagliacci," with selections from other operas, in the Greek Theatre. The effect was very unusual and beautiful.

We are now looking forward to the annual junior farce, written by a member of the class. It is to be followed in the evening by the junior promenade, one of the best college dances of the year. After this final dissipation, we shall be very glad of a chance to settle down and prepare for our examination season.

ROWENA K. ELSTON.

ALUMNAE CHAPTER LETTERS

ETA ALUMNAE—BURLINGTON, VT.

We, of Eta Alumnae, at the beginning of this the new college year, extend greetings to all our sisters both active and alumnae.

At our first meeting held this fall we listened to the report of our delegates to convention and so vividly did she set it forth that we felt almost as though we too had been with her in Chicago during those busy days at the Chicago Beach Hotel last July. That feeling was heightened when the Journal arrived a few days ago with its various accounts of convention and the little personal notes and experiences that give one much sense of reality.

As for us, up here in Vermont, we are anticipating a happy and prosperous winter. Three of our number have left town and likewise the chapter. We miss them but realize that the membership of an alumnae chapter must, of necessity, be more or less changeable. We are fortunate in having our number made good and more by the addition of three of our recent graduates as well as another who has but lately returned to Burlington to live.

For two winters past we have been studying Italian art at our monthly meetings. This winter we are planning a change and, instead of art, are intending to read aloud—whatever the spirit moves the one to select who has the meeting in charge—while the others sew. We are anticipating some cosy evenings spent in this way and hope to derive much profit as well.

MARY R. BATES.

NU ALUMNAE—SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

While the numerous activities and the stir of life incident to the history of an active chapter are denied in great measure to an alumnae chapter, this last named venerable body has its own problems, painful and pleasant.

Nu chapter has found itself no stranger to these growing pains caused chiefly perhaps by the restless current of resident alumnae, now encircling our hearts and broadening our vision with the varied colors of many life experiences and again at ebb tide depleting our activities as strong, supporting, members are swirled away to carry vigor and renewing elsewhere.

In the midst of the internal problem of withstanding the insistent calls of home, professional, and social, duties, we are making every effort to consider the best methods of keeping our relations with the active chapter warm, vital, and unfettered. This, after all, is our chief reason for existence and what organism can reach a high form of life without a reason outside itself for its life?

Rushing offered many opportunities for us to prove ourselves helpful big sisters at trying and crucial moments.

Just now we are busied with plans for Founders' Day celebration, involving the communicating with out-of-town alumnae, to whom once a year at least, we strive to transmit the news of chapter life and from whom at this time come back the words of good cheer and often more material greetings to gladden the hearts of the active girls as well as our own. This year the celebration promises to take the form of a musicale given by an alumna who has achieved much success in her chosen profession.

Always we are glad of Founders' Day and every other like occasion which helps us to prove that an alumnae chapter is no mummified form of fraternity life but may be as active and efficient a union for service in the cause of a strong womanhood as any undergraduate organization.

LESLEY WEST.

BETA ALUMNAE—MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

The specific plans for the year in Beta Alumnae chapter are gradually assuming material form, though we have nothing of an unusual nature to report. As is the probable case, and rightly should be, I think, with all alumnae chapters located in their college towns, we have the continuous

plan of being auxiliary-general to the active chapter, and our own individuality as an organization centers in that idea. Many of our members, moreover, are prominent in the various women's clubs in the city so it seems superfluous to combine extraneous interests of art or literature with those of the fraternity. Our assistance to the active chapter in maintaining the chapter house is taking rather more concrete form this year, and we have decided to adopt the piano for a period at least, hoping when we are through with it there will be fewer installments to pay.

Following our established custom our meetings are held once a month at the chapter house, business, supper, and often a social hour with Upsilon all being happily combined. Meeting at the chapter house and thus coming in contact with the active girls is particularly pleasurable, since it takes us directly into the college atmosphere so exhilaratingly vibrant with enthusiasm and energy. We realize anew the glorious absence of limitations as to what both active and alumnae organizations can do in reaching toward higher and broader levels, and it all has its tonic effect even though many of us who are engrossed in home or professional duties must keep on doing the things we have to do, and leaving undone the things we would like to do.

It was our privilege in October to give a tea at the home of Mrs. Birch in welcome to Edith Schwartz Clements of Rho chapter, whose brilliant husband has come to head the department of botany at the university. The guests included the wives of members of the faculty and also representatives from the alumnae chapters of the other women's fraternities.

The testing of the new plan of an April pledge-day at college is being watched with much interest by Upsilon and Beta Alumnae alike, and a number of the alumnae members participated in the first of the two large formal rushing parties allowed by the Pan-Hellenic rules, which was given not long ago. It is too early to predict the success or failure of this scheme, although was ever any scheme for rushing either wholly or even partially successful?

Fame unlimited certainly awaits that individual who shall devise a substitute that will admit of universal acceptance, for this objectionable feature of all college fraternity life.

ALICE WHEATON.

ZETA ALUMNAE—INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

It is the hope of Zeta Alumnae that this year, we may be like the man in the Scriptures who "found what he went out for to see." Our darling idea is a State Chapter House to be located here in Indianapolis where Thetas engaged in teaching or in business can find a home. When Fancy makes a feast it costs no more to make it fine and already in our imagination—we have builded—something more than an architectural platitude—a home that every Indiana Theta will love and be proud of. This year we will work toward a tangible beginning.

The State Committee on Founders' Day Observance has begun to arrange for the Annual Founder's Day Luncheon. The committee wishes that this shall be "Theta Day" for every Theta in the State, and all is being planned for a most inspiring time. At this luncheon will be presented by some member of Zeta Alumnae, an outline of the proposed work of the Endowment Fund Committee.

As to our club program, this year, the entertainment is left to the hostess of each month.

A late newspaper contains an account of a club in which there were to be *no papers!* Daring as this idea is, Zeta Alumnae can lay claim to being first in the field with it. Not to insinuate that we cannot write papers, far be it from the thoughts, we can and we do; but to most, Theta meeting is a relaxation, and there is a growing inclination toward the old-time college-days gathering, where the carefully planned program of a week before was for obvious reasons dispensed with. We often ask some friend to read a jolly little story, have some gay songs and then a "talk-around."

We were all invited to Gamma's birthday party given at the cabin. Many beautiful gifts were brought to en-

hance the attractive living-room which looks very artsful and craftsful, with its dark mission furniture and chinked walls.

In the interest we feel in this young chapter we are like a mother growing young again in her daughter's youth and beauty.

Greetings of the season to every Theta in the land from Zeta Alumnae.

JOSEPHINE E. SCRIBNER.

IOTA ALUMNAE—LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The work for the year has begun with renewed interest and vigor after the separation and vacation of the summer. The first meeting at Jessie Macfarland's was especially enjoyable for many of the members met there for the first time since their return from their various travels. The subject paramount of course, was convention and the two girls who were fortunate enough to have been at Chicago were made to give us every detail from the opening exercises to the toasts and gowns at banquet. Jessie Macfarland, our delegate and district president, gave a full and vivid account so that we all felt that we had had at least a taste of that most delightful phase of fraternity life, a convention. It is the hope of Iota Alumnae that some day when Theta is very rich or when transportation has ceased to obtrude its ways unpleasantly into Theta plans, that we may entertain a convention. With our cool summer climate and the surrounding beaches we feel that we could offer you many pleasures and much that is new to the majority of delegates and visitors. Some day our dream will come true.

Los Angeles is the Mecca of California tourists now and we are especially fortunate in meeting many Thetas new to us, as they pass through our city. There is hardly a meeting when we do not welcome some stranger Theta. If Thetas knew how pleased we are to have them with us if only for one meeting, they would not fail, on arriving, to make their presence known to some of the girls. We meet

the second Saturday of each month at the homes of the different girls and take occasional jaunts to the beaches as we did last month when Polly Graham entertained us at Long Beach. If any visitor in Los Angeles will notify our corresponding secretary the girls will be pleased to call. The number of our membership fluctuates, as is natural in this land of tourists but we have in the city and surrounding towns some sixty Thetas. We feel that here we must be a fairly representative body for counting our own membership and the visitors we have had with us some one from nearly all our chapters. In this way we have been able to keep in touch with life of many of our active chapters.

We are working hard on the Theta Scholarship and hoping great things for its future.

Iota Alumnae sends best wishes for a busy useful year to all Thetas and especially to our new chapters in whose success we are always interested.

GRACE W. LAVAYEA.

MARRIAGES

Chi

Married, October 9, 1907, Mabel V. W. Parker, '00, to Mr. Giles Stilwell, Amherst, Delta Kappa Epsilon. At home, 1906 West Genesee St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Married, November 19, 1907, Beulah B. Throop, '06, to Mr. Will L. Chandler, S. U., '06, Zeta Psi. At home, Cleveland, Ohio, where Mr. Chandler has charge of the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A.

Alpha Delta

Ethel Sharpe, '01, was married October 23 to Mr. Robert Grif-fing at her home in Baltimore. About twenty-five Thetas were present.

Alpha

Jean Allen was married last month in St. Louis to J. F. Wal-lace, Purdue, '05. The date of the wedding came as a great sur-prise to all of the girls.

Daisy Houghton was married in October to J. W. Gregory, Delta Upsilon. The wedding took place at the bride's home in Vincennes and was attended by several of the alumnae here.

Alpha Gamma

Edith Richardson, '07, was married to Professor Edgar S. Ingraham of the Department of Romance Languages at Ohio State December 18.

Alpha Eta

Amelia Baskerville, '03, married Professor Martin of Bristol, Tennessee September 25.

Daisy Hemphill, '03, was married to Mr. C. O. Tuttle in No-vember and is now residing in Bowling Green, Va.

Eleanor Buford, '01, was married to Mr. Herbert Jones, Phi Delta Theta, December 19, at her home, Burlington Place, Nash-ville, Tenn.

Delta

November 16 occurred the wedding of Elizabeth Burr, ex-'04, and Dr. Curtis Elmer Kelso, Beta Theta Pi.

Kappa

Helen Perkins, ex-'09, of Cleveland, Ohio, was married October 24, 1907, to Roy Colwell Cool, Alpha Tau Omega. Mr. and Mrs. Cool are at home at Southport, North Carolina.

Psi

Helen Head, '07, announced her marriage at Albion, Wis., October 26, to Edmund M. Simon, '07. Her address is 653 Park Avenue, Beloit, Wis.

Alpha Iota

The marriage of Vida Gruner, '07, and Philips William Moss, Phi Delta Phi, took place on Thursday, October 21.

Omega

Adelaide Elizabeth Bangs, ex-'09, of Berkeley, was married to Samuel Palmer Eastman, '06, Sigma Chi, on December 5. They will live in Berkeley, California.

Iota Alumnae

The wedding of Katharine Clover and John V. Wachtel took place November 6 at the Peppers, Alhambra.

Georgia Caswell was married November 19 to Eugene Overton. Mr. and Mrs. Overton will make their home in Los Angeles.

BIRTHS

Iota

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kingberry, '00, of Ithaca, November 9, a son, Ernest Hempstead.

Lambda

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hagar (Lucy Sawyer), in October, 1907, a daughter.

Alpha Beta

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dillman Rash (Susan Atkinson, '01), a son, Dillman Atkinson.

Beta

Born to Mrs. Leonard Todd (Athol Foote, ex-'08), at Huntington, Indiana, a daughter.

Mu

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Carl Kirschner (Emma Hausman), a daughter, on October 30.

Kappa

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder, Jr. (Mary Bowen, ex-'07), of Kansas City, a son.

Rho

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knapp (Silence Dales), a son, Dales Allen, August 1.

Psi

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Evan Young (Dawn Waite, '05), a daughter. Mr. Young is American consul to Asiatic Turkey. Address, Harput, Turkey.

PERSONALS

Iota

October 30 a reception was given for Professor and Mrs. George L. Burr, by Iota chapter.

November 1 to 3 Edna Mertz, '08, and Queenie Horton, '09, visited Vassar College as the Cornell delegates to the Intercollegiate Women's Student Government Convention.

Iota chapter recently enjoyed a visit from Carolyn Crossett, '05.

Mary R. Preston, '09, and Christine Avery, '09, spent the Thanksgiving vacation in Philadelphia with Ethel C. Whiteley, '10.

Professor and Mrs. J. H. Comstock sailed on December 7 for Italy. They expect to spend the winter and spring in southern Europe and in Egypt.

Lambda

Beatrice May, ex-'02, is teaching in St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

Mary Tewksbury, '99, is a teacher in the high school at Rutland, Vermont.

Miss Mary I. Bentley, Omega, visited the university November 12-16, in the interests of the Young Women's Christian Association.

At the meeting of the Vermont State Teachers' Association which was held in Burlington the latter part of October, the following out-of-town Thetas were present: Mrs. Mary Mills Deyette, '86; Mrs. Fannie Atwood Gould, '00; Florence May, '96; Beatrice May, ex-'02; Mary Tewksbury, '99; Mary Tracy, '03; Alice Bean, '02; Elizabeth Holmes, '06; Gertrude Thompson, '07; Margaret Harmon, ex-'07; and Ella Pine, ex-'08.

Chi

Laura Cowen Wilson (Mrs. John O.), ex-'02, Baldwinsville, N. Y., and Elsie Carter, ex-'09, Avon, N. Y., were here for the initiation and banquet.

Harriet Disbrow, ex-'06, New Rochelle, N. Y., visited at the chapter house, November 25-27.

Clara Carson, '06, called at the house during the vacation. Address, 313 Farm St., Ithaca, N. Y.

Mabel Northrup, '98, also called at the house during the Thanksgiving recess. Address, Johnstown, N. Y.

Ethel Northrup, '10, Syracuse, N. Y., is confined to her home with diphtheria.

Alpha Beta

Anna Wolff, '04, has announced her engagement to Mr. Stanley Miller of Boston.

Lucy Brooke Price, '92, Media, Pa., will be married on December 7 to Dr. Louis Mutchler of Philadelphia.

Marguerite Campion, '04, and her mother have moved from Swarthmore to Philadelphia.

Alpha Delta

Marion Pitts, '07, spent two weeks in Baltimore with Katharine Lindsay, '09, early in November.

Edith Sprowles, '07, spent a few days in Baltimore the latter part of October.

Mrs. Alice Bennett Pollard, '02, of Pittsburg, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents in Baltimore.

Alpha Epsilon

Flora Rausch, '10, has returned from Austria and will take up her work at the beginning of next term.

The engagement is announced of Eunice Clark, '10, and Chester Waters, Alpha Tau Omega, Brown, '05.

Alpha Kappa

The engagement of Josephine Kelly, '04, to Edward T. Seed, Brooklyn, New York, has been announced.

Josephine Whitehead of Chi, visited us during November and told us of the Theta life at Syracuse.

Adeline Kiep, Iota, is with us frequently.

Alpha

Louise Pigman, '06, has been the guest of the chapter several times this term.

We were all very glad to have Grace Philliput of Beta chapter as our guest over one Sunday this term.

A number of the old girls came back for pledge-day and helped welcome the new girls. Among them were Helen Rickert of Terre Haute, Isabelle Ford of Kokomo and Jesse Riley, now of Beta chapter.

Marie Hendee of Anderson, was a guest for several days at the chapter house.

Mildred Helmer of Mattoon, Illinois, has been visiting Gertrude Taylor at the Theta annex.

The famous evangelist, "Billie" Sunday, has been the guest of his daughter—one of our pledges this year. He very generously gave some of his time to speak to the student body, and was warmly welcomed by everyone. His allegiance to Kappa Alpha Theta is unquestioned.

Beta

We have had the pleasure of seeing several sisters from Gamma this term; Anna Hughes and Louise Brown early in the term, and Josephine Wiess on the occasion of the Illinois-Indiana game.

Lois Perring, '09, goes for the winter to California, where she will be near Phi chapter.

Frances Murphey, '07, is teaching in Anderson this year.

Edith Alexander, '06, teaches in Indianapolis.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Nell Fruchey, '04, of Marion to Mr. Roy Mook, a Phi Psi of Allegheny College.

Gamma

Hazel Hendrix, a freshman last year, is teaching at Tangier, Indiana.

Mrs. Mark Brown (Lilian Bailey), with headquarters at Little Rock, Arkansas, is spending much of the time with her husband at his lumber mills at Reader, Arkansas.

Cordelia Butler is at Guanajuata, Mexico, for the winter.

Ora Williams is living at Madison, Wisconsin, and is attending the Carnegie Library School.

Bernice Ball is now living at Thayer, Indiana.

Elizabeth Miller has written a new book which has just gone to press.

Epsilon

Hazel Emery, ex-'06, visited her sister Marguerite, for a few days during the latter part of October.

Jane Corbett, '07, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Wooster.

Martha Sanborn, '07, is spending the year at home, keeping house for her father in Wooster, Ohio.

Mary Sanborn, '05, is teaching German in the Wooster High School.

Mollie Remy, ex-'09, is studying kindergarten at Miss Wheelock's school in Boston and enjoys her work very much.

Edith Lawrence, ex-'09, is a junior in Smith this year.

Bertha Warren, ex-'06, is teaching art in Aspenwall, Pa.

Virginia Wallace is teaching music in Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa.

Luella Wallace is teaching Latin in the preparatory department at the same place.

Eta

Grace Hills, '04, is teaching in De Kalb High School, De Kalb, Ill.

Mary Stewart Hooker, '04, spent November 16 in Ann Arbor.

Hazel Mason spent a Sunday here in November.

Mrs. Wilson and Lois Wilson, '04, were here for a few days.

Editha Dann is teaching German in Sioux City High School in Iowa.

Gertrude Curme, Tau, came from Chicago with Ruth Manville for initiation.

Eta chapter extends its sympathy to Minerva Rhines in the recent loss of her father.

Cornelia Miller Dietrich, Alpha Gamma, came to Ann Arbor for the O. S. U. game and stayed for initiation.

Ruth Manville, ex-'08, announced her engagement at the Initiation Banquet to Robert W. Sinclair, '07, Delta Tau Delta.

Mrs. George S. McDonald (Linda E. Harris), has been elected vice-president of the Detroit University of Michigan Alumni Association. Her home is at 146 Alexandrine Ave.

Mu

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Calvert (Edna Gailey), are living at Beaver, Pennsylvania.

Pi

Clara Belle Shaffer, '07, is home at Albion again and has brought her sister, Mrs. Emer Oderkirk, with her for a three months' visit.

Myrtle Smith, '09, was with us a few days in November.

Inez Croman, '05, who is teaching in Williamston, stopped here a few hours on her way home.

Harriet Dalrymple Day spent a week here with her mother. She is at home again, Maple Crest, Little Falls, N. Y.

Mrs. O'Keefe from Marshall, had supper with us one night.

Mrs. Rebecca Stricker of Maywood, was with us one evening while she visited here.

Mae Mulholland, '07, attending the Ypsilanti Normal, spent Thanksgiving with us here.

Bertha Root, '08, of Battle Creek, attended our informal supper we had in honor of Miss Anna Harrison.

Alpha Gamma

Ruth Davis and Florence Huston visited Louise Grace at Circleville, Ohio, one Sunday in November.

Susan Siebert, Alice Thacker, '07, Mignon Poste, '07, Clara Brooks, Margaret March, '07, made up a party at Edith Wilson's home, at Selma, Ohio, the last Sunday in November.

Lenore Williams, '05, Phi chapter, Stanford University, is spending the winter at Groveport, Ohio. She often grants us the pleasure of a visit and helps us considerably in the rushing.

Alpha Eta

Revel Tobin, '03, is at home in Newark, N. J.

Margerie Ezzell, '03-'05, who spent her Thanksgiving holidays at her home in Nashville, was with us at the chapter house one day. We were glad to have her bring with her, Miss Loudon, Pi Beta Phi, of Knox College.

Nelle Pride, '03, is at her home on Terrace Place, Nashville.

Josephine Link, '03, is teaching in Jackson, Tennessee.

Frances Jackson, '00, spent a portion of last year abroad studying, and is now teaching in Galloway College, Searcy, Ark.

Mrs. H. B. Elliott, *nee* Leona Pack, '01, has moved from her home in Atlanta and is now living at 611 N. Oregon St., El Paso, Texas.

Penelope McDuffy, '04, while teaching at Columbia College, Columbia, S. C., is working for her master's degree, which she will receive this year from Worfford College.

Mrs. Martha Maney Martin, '03, is at her home in Winston-Salem, N. C.

Delta

Mildred Sonntag, '04, spent the week end with us. She is principal of the high school in Lexington, Ill.

We were pleased to have with us, at our initiation, the following girls: Jane Mather, '06, Plainfield, Ill.; Alice Fullenwider, '06, Lucilla Fullenwider, ex-'09, and Jean Bullard, ex-'09, of Mechanicsburg, Ill.; Clara Brookings, '04, Du Quoin; Sabra Stevens, '06,

Mahomet; Hope Herrick, Farmer City; and Mrs. Phoebe Mulliken Storey, of Seattle, Wash.

Bertha Pillsbury, '95, is instructor in English at Bryn Mawr this year.

Myra Mather is teaching in the high school at Joliet, Ill.

Kappa

Alice Sinclair, ex-'07, is visiting in Denver.

Anna Harrison and Helen Havens are spending a few weeks in Washington and New York.

Flo Shanklin, '07, is teaching in Lawrence.

Mary Ward, of Belleville, Kans., has been visiting at the chapter house.

Helen Alder, '06, is teaching in Topeka.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Alice Mary Rankin, '07, of Lawrence, to Earl Gafford, '06, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The engagement of Alberta Bingler, '07, to Verne Frye, '06, Sigma Chi, has been announced.

Rho

Martha Clive Huffman, '05, is visiting in Lincoln.

Margery Loomis, '03, of Lincoln, has returned to Honolulu. Ella Wet, '01, of Council Bluffs, accompanied her.

Silence Stewart Wilson, '08, of Grand Island, spent a few days in Lincoln.

Mrs. Ladd (Minnie Latta, '81) returned in September from a European trip.

Georgia Field, '07, spent the summer in Vermont.

Hazel Dovey, '08, is attending a kindergarten school in Cleveland.

Upsilon

Clare Vidger Capelin, ex-'07, Faribault, has been in the city several times this fall.

Nell Stanford Fernald spent a day in St. Paul with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Fernald.

Edna Brown, ex-'07, Minneapolis, leaves Dec. 10 for California, where she will spend the winter.

Helen Nind, Chicago, visited friends in the city this fall.

Mrs. Todd came up from Lake City to attend our rushing party.

Psi

Ruth Goe, '07, Sara Goe, '07, and Elizabeth Goe, a pledge, have left Madison to live in Chicago. Address, 3604 Rhodes Avenue, Chicago.

Jessie Donaldson, of McGregor, Iowa, has been visiting her sister, Jean, '09, at the chapter house.

Mrs. Esther Donnelly Smith, '02, of Baltimore, was with us the first week of college.

Margaret Taylor, '03, and her sister Josephine, of Whatcom, Wash., visited us in October.

Daisy Bently, '09, Normal, Ill., and Ruby Purple, '11, Galesville, Wis., have been obliged to leave college on account of ill health.

Martha Gale, ex-'09, came to Madison to see the Illinois game. Address, Oregon, Ill.

Mrs. Mabel Stewart Knapp paid us a visit in November. Address, 302 East 66th St., Chicago.

Mrs. Laura Sage Jones and her daughter visited us recently. Address, Oregon, Wis.

Alpha Theta

Minnie Williams, '06, Greenville, Texas; Marie Streeter, ex-'10, Waco, Texas; Emmie Fountain, '07, College, Texas; Willie Davis, ex-'06, Reagan, Texas, spent Thanksgiving with Alpha Theta.

Emmie Fountain, '07, College, Texas, will leave soon for New York City where she will spend the winter.

Willie Davis, ex-'06, Reagan, Texas, has accepted the position of librarian at the A. and M. College, College, Texas.

Mrs. Ethel Oliphant Porter, '04, Waco, Texas, is making her home in Holly, Colorado.

Shirliereed Streeter spent the week at her home in Waco to attend the pre-nuptial functions, and the marriage of her brother, Banks Hudson, Kappa Alpha, Southern, and Miss Louise Bolinger.

Alpha Iota

We are very glad to hear that Mrs. Gustafson, Eta, has taken up her residence in St. Louis, and are sure she will prove a valuable addition to our alumnæ.

Omega

The engagement has been announced of Ruth van Kampen Green, ex-'00, Berkeley, and George Cambell Jones, '07, Beta Theta Pi, Tonopah, Nevada.

Lola Harris has gone to New York for an indefinite length of time.

Bertha Barnard, '08, is visiting at the chapter house.

The engagement has been announced of Kelsey Paterson, ex-'06, of Berkeley, and Mr. Edward F. Illig, of Philadelphia.

Iota Alumnae

Barbara Hilt Alden came down from Stanford to attend Katharine Clover's wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Alden expect to leave in January for Paris, where Mr. Alden will spend several months of study.

Jessie Macfarland has gone north to investigate some groups applying for Kappa Alpha Theta charters. She will spend the winter in New York with her mother and sister Ruth.

Mrs. Irene Taylor Hinneman and husband are in New York for the winter.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE WORLD

Alpha Chi Omega installed a chapter at the University of Nebraska during the Thanksgiving vacation.

The Woman's League at the University of Illinois has furnished a room in the hospital for university girls.

Kappa Alpha Theta was the first of the fraternities for women, at the University of Illinois, to secure a chapter house, and the first to own its own home.

The annual convention of Gamma Phi Beta was held in Syracuse, N. Y., November 12-15, Alpha chapter, hostess.

The corner stone of the Graham Memorial Chapel at Washington University, St. Louis, was laid on November 23. The chapel is to be an exact replica of the King's Chapel at Oxford and is erected by Mrs. Benjamin Blair Graham in memory of her late husband.

Delta Chi has entered the University of Texas.

A splendid new law building has been erected on the campus of the University of Texas.

The Y. M. C. A. of the University of Texas has purchased a lot and a building will soon be erected.

The following statistics are taken from the advance sheets of the report of the Commissioner of Education, U. S. Bureau of Education.

For the school year ending June, 1906:

Total number of universities, colleges, and technical schools reporting to the Bureau	622
Institutions for men	158
Institutions for women	129
Institutions for both men and women.....	335
Total number of professors and instructors in all departments of the 622 institutions	23,950
Total number of students in preparatory, collegiate, graduate, and professional departments	258,603
Number of students in undergraduate and resident graduate departments	148,564
Women students	50,826
Men students	97,738
Value of property possessed by the 622 institutions.....	\$554,077,023
In the libraries were—Bound volumes.....	11,868,927
—Pamphlets	2,605,287

In the spring, fraternities at Wisconsin tried without results, to reach an agreement that would regulate the pledging of high-school men.—*The Record*.

Harvard has announced a Business School to begin next year. It will require work equivalent to a college course for admission. The course will cover two years, and probably A.M. will be given to those who complete it.—*The Scroll*.

Williams College has received \$192,000 bequeathed by Mrs. Laura Currier of Williamstown.—*Themis*.

At Washington and Lee, a large library is nearing completion and there is a movement to raise \$100,000 to endow a chair of American History, in memory of Robert E. Lee.

The faculty at Kentucky State College wanted to abolish athletics, dormitories and fraternities, but the board of trustees refused to endorse such action.—*Themis*.

There is a well-defined movement on foot to establish a modern and, so far as it can be made, a model college for the higher education of women on the Pacific coast.—Quoted from *The Outlook* by the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

Work has begun on Kent Hall, which will accommodate the schools of law and political science at Columbia. The building will have six stories. For its erection \$430,000 has been contributed or pledged from anonymous sources, and it is expected that the additional sum of \$100,000 needed to meet the cost of the structure and its equipment will be contributed before the building is ready for use next September. The building is named after Chancellor Kent, and it will face Hamilton Hall, named for Alexander Hamilton.—*The Scroll*.

The University of Kansas natural history museum possesses one of the oldest skeletons of man known to exist in the United States. It is supposed that this man lived from twenty thousand to fifty thousand years ago. It is known as the "Lansing Man," and was resurrected in March, 1902, on a farm near Lansing, Kansas.—*Record*.

Singing college songs while they worked, the students of Trinity College, Conn., recently put out a fire that started on the college roof.—*Record*.

Chi Omega has adopted a seal ring which is to be worn by all officers, past and present of the fraternity and by founders of the fraternity as well.—*Trident*.

A complete directory in pocket edition is something possessed by no fraternity except Alpha Tau Omega. This little obok, in

flexible leather binding, contains the names and addresses of all Alpha Tau Omegas, classified by states and cities. Doubtful addresses are indicated. While nothing but names and addresses is given, the directory is admirably adapted to the purpose for which it was designed by the editor, Mr. L. W. Glazebrook, Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals. Alpha Tau Omega is fortunate in having such an efficient officer.—*Scroll*.

The Delta Sigma Delta dental fraternity has granted a charter for a European auxiliary chapter. The chapter was organized at a meeting held at Rome, March 29, 1907, attended by three members from London, three from Cologne, and one each from Madrid, Paris, Berlin, Dresden, Geneva and Basle.—*Scroll*.

Kappa Sigma now leads the Greek world in number of chapters, seventy-six colleges and universities claiming distinction.—*The Delta of Sigma Nu*.

Miss Teresa S. Haley, graduate of Radcliffe, and for two years a settlement worker in Boston, has been appointed under the national government as investigator of woman and child labor in the United States and its dependencies.

At the second day's secret session of the Association of State Universities, a recommendation was made by a joint committee of the association and of the National Educational Association that a national university be established by congress in the district of Columbia, to be supported by the government and to serve as a post-graduate school of colleges maintained by the states. The recommendation was adopted.

A committee was appointed to confer with the trustees of the Carnegie fund with a view to ascertaining whether an arrangement could not be effected for the pensioning of professors of state institutions.

State and sectarian colleges are barred expressly by Mr. Carnegie in his deed of gift, but members of the association are hopeful of effecting the arrangement sought. Secretary Garfield, of the interior department, entertained the delegates at luncheon.—*Detroit Free Press*, Nov. 20.

The following paragraph, taken from an article in the *New York Sun*, of May 5, 1907, shows that the javelin, which the ancient Greeks used in warfare, is to be used again in athletic contests:

Throwing the javelin, or lance, is the newest addition to the already long list of athletic contests. Properly speaking it is the revised edition of an ancient pastime and was officially catalogued for modern discussion at the Olympic games at Athens last year.

That it will rank prominently among the recognized forms of modern field sport there is no reason to doubt. Medical science has stamped it with approval. It is said to develop the thorax and respiratory organs, and for a man inclined to pulmonary trouble there is no better tonic than regular indulgence in the pastime.—*Delta of Sigma Nu.*

Dr. Henry Van Dyke is among the latest opponents of the residential quad system proposed for Princeton by its president, Woodrow Wilson. Dr. Van Dyke, an alumnus of, as well as a professor at, Princeton, has warned the president lest the proposed remedy for club evils prove far more harmful than the evils themselves, and he comes out flatfooted against such a radical change in the university organization. Princeton's alumni seem to be generally opposed to quads, and the student body is a unit against them.—*Caduceus.*

There are as yet no dormitories whatever for the men students at Cornell. This no doubt is a partial explanation of the fact that this university has become one of the greatest centers of Greek-letter fraternities in the country. There are now no less than thirty-one chapters of national fraternities in existence, as well as five or more local fraternities and five sororities. Of the fraternities, twenty-two own the houses in which they live and nine rent them. The total assessed valuation of these twenty-two houses, prior to the burning of the Chi Psi house, was a quarter of a million dollars; which means a total real valuation of from six to seven hundred thousand.—Quoted from *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* by the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

Statistics recently published by the Employment Bureau of the University of Chicago show that during the fiscal year ending June 30 last, students in residence earned for the payment of their expenses more than \$46,000. The lines of work represented varied, and included newspaper reporting, clerkships in city stores, tutoring, service as waiters, etc. The report illustrates the advantages of a large city when it becomes necessary for a student to earn his way through college.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.